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In complying with the new requirements of the authorities, the Asiatic Petroleum Company Limited have recently purchased a new type of Merryweather's "Fire Suds" fire-fighting apparatus. The apparatus is believed to be now on the way out to the Colony. It is the first of its kind to be made, and is said to be the last word in foam type extinguishers.

Two models have been purchased. One is larger than the other, having double the output. The larger of the two models is to be installed, we understand, at the Company's installation at North Point. The smaller model is to be erected at the Company's Taikotsui depot.

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MUTUAL HELPFULNESS

Urged by Prince of Wales.

"GET TOGETHER" SPIRIT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales, in a message to the National Industrial Alliance, to-day said he could see no more helpful sign for the restoration of industrial prosperity and the consequent well-being of the people of this country than the determination of employers and employed to get together in a spirit of mutual helpfulness and by pooling experiences and special knowledge seek to solve the many problems which at present concerned them.—British Wireless Service.

GROWING UNREST.

Communists Busy in Manchuria.

STATION LOOTED.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Harbin, To-day.

Growing signs of unrest against the new Manchurian Administration are shown in the alliance between Communist agitators and troops of the Old Kirin Army on the Eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

Pamphlets are being distributed urging the "Overthrow of the Manchukuo Government" and "Establish a Soviet Government and unite with the U.S.S.R."

In Harbin itself it is reported that many members of the Soviet have been arrested on

INCREASE IN EXPORTS.

Board of Trade Returns for March.

TARIFF REFLECTION.

Rugby, Yesterday.

An increase in exports and a decrease in imports are shown in Board of Trade returns for March—the first complete month since Britain changed her tariff policy.

Figures issued to-day show that the month's exports were £36,620,376, about £1,200,000 over February, and imports were £61,119,414, over £9,000,000 less than February.

The adverse trade balance has been reduced to £24,499,000, compared with £34,738,968 in the previous month.—British Wireless Service.

CHICAGO POLLING.

Forty Thousand Guards at the Booths.

MINOR DISORDERS.

Chicago, Yesterday.

Braving predictions of a reign of terror with Al Capone's gunmen ruling ballot boxes, citizens of Chicago to-day polled heavily for both Republican and Democratic candidates in connection with the primary election for nomination of candidates for the Presidency.

Forty thousand police and volunteers guarded the polling booths. There were only minor disorders.—Reuter's American Service.

charges of implication in plots to destroy railway property. Kazantzevo station, near Wel-shah, has been looted and burned by bandits.

JAPANESE TROOP TRAIN.

Plunges Over A Cliff.

RESULT OF EXPLOSION.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A message from Harbin states that following an explosion, which caused its derailment eleven miles from Harbin, a train carrying a Japanese detachment plunged over a cliff. As a result eleven Officers and men were killed and nineteen seriously injured. Seventy-four were slightly hurt.

RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION OF BRITISH COAL.

Mr. Runciman Explains.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The President of the Board of Trade to-day answered further Parliamentary questions regarding restrictions on the importation of British coal into Germany, France and Belgium.

He repeated that the successive German quota reductions were regarded as discriminatory against Britain.

The French and Belgium quota restrictions applied to coal imported from all countries, but the methods of calculating the quotas and administering the licensing system, which gave effect to the quotas, were considered inequitable to Britain.

In Italy a general landing duty of two and a half lire per ton applied only to coal imported by sea. Accordingly, it affected coal from this country to a greater extent than coal from other countries.

The President said that where there was discrimination against Britain it could not be ignored and such steps as appeared to be necessary must be taken.

In another Parliamentary answer Mr. Runciman said that the Board of Trade had received information regarding upwards of forty new undertakings which had been set up in Britain during the past few months by or with the assistance of foreign concerns.—British Wireless Service.

BUSY GENEVA.

M. Tardieu's Proposal.

ADJOURNMENT OF DECISION UNTIL MAY.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The simultaneous work of the League Council, the International Labour Conference and the Disarmament Conference made Geneva a hive of international activity to-day, the chief interest centring in M. Tardieu's proposal to adjourn the Council's decision and the League's Financial Commission report until May, in view of the Four Powers' experts present technical examination of the Danubian economic problem.

After Sir John Simon, Signor Grandi and von Buelow had drawn attention to the urgency of the matter, M. Tardieu's proposal was adopted.—Reuter.

It is expected that the Prime Minister will leave London to-day for Geneva to attend the Disarmament Conference.—British Wireless Service.

EMPIRE CURRENCY.

Silver to Be Reintroduced?

SIR ROBERT HORNE'S VIEWS.

Mitigation Of Gold Shortage.

London, Yesterday.

The re-introduction of silver into the world's monetary systems, in order to mitigate the present gold shortage, was advocated to-day by Sir Robert Horne, speaking at a meeting of the Royal Empire Society.

Referring to the Imperial Conference, he said he looked forward to a settlement of this matter which he believed, was vitally important to world prosperity. He also strongly supported the Canadian suggestions that Empire currency should be considered by the Conference, if the nations of the Empire agreed to fix a ratio between silver and sterling. The Empire, he thought, would benefit extensively by developing its trade with the East.—Reuter.

PSYCHIC EVIDENCE.

By Sir Oliver Lodge.

IN COURT.

Daily Mail Sued.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.

Remarkable evidence was given to-day by Sir Oliver Lodge, the celebrated scientist and adherent of spiritualism, when called on behalf of Mrs. Neurig Morris, who is suing the Daily Mail, which issued a contents bill stating "Trance Medium Found Out."

The veteran scientist described a talk with "Power," one of plaintiff's controls, also a talk with his famous son Raymond, who was killed in the War, about conditions in the Spirit World.

"I put it to my boy Raymond: 'You live in a world of illusion?' and he replied 'So do you father.'"

Sir Oliver Lodge said he was convinced that Mrs. Morris was perfectly honest. And added: "It is a phenomenon that must be recognised—that a person can leave the body to be manipulated by another intelligence. That has been established as a fact by students of psychic science."

Mr. William Norman Birkett, K.C., opening the defence made the most of the fact that Lawrence Cowen, who was prominently associated with Mrs. Morris's manifestation had not been called as a witness and denounced him as an attempted exploiter.

Earlier Cable.

A spiritualist cause celebre in which Mrs. Neurig Morris is suing the Daily Mail, which challenged the genuineness of her alleged powers, is attracting enormous interest now that the case

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG TO GO?

National Emergency Conference's Request.

TRIBUTE TO DR. YEN.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Loyang, Yesterday.

At the closing session of the National Emergency Conference it was decided to request the National Government to order the dismissal of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang from all his posts and investigate the charges against him. It was also decided that his troops be handed over to the Military Council.

The Conference passed a resolution paying a tribute to Dr. W. W. Yen.

CHILEAN VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS.

Assurance From Seismologists.

FLAMES SUBSIDING.

Santiago, Yesterday.

Terror-stricken citizens have been cheered by announcements of seismologists that they believe the danger of the volcanic eruptions is subsiding, at any rate temporarily.

Valparaiso and Santiago present an extraordinary appearance to-day. They are covered in white cinders and ashes.

Flames from the volcanoes have subsided, but the volcanoes continue to emit cinders and ashes. The wind, however, has now changed direction and is carrying the ashes in the direction of the mountains.

"Red Cross" helpers have been rushed to the assistance of Andean frontier villages, but hitherto no fatalities have been reported.—Reuter.

MOTOR MISHAP.

Girl Knocked Down at Star Ferry.

Mr. G. Stokes, of the Kowloon Canton Railway, has reported to the Police that whilst driving his car in Salisbury Road yesterday morning, a Chinese girl, aged 8 years, ran out from the Star Ferry verandah, and was knocked down, receiving injuries to her face. She was removed to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

of the Rector of Stiffkey, the Rev. Davidson, is temporarily halted.

Lady Conan Doyle, the widow of the famous novelist, and like him a prominent spiritualist, expressed unqualified belief in Mrs. Morris's trance mediumship.

From the witness box in the High Court to-day she declared that the "guides" of herself and her husband foretold many distant events, notably two years ago when they predicted the present Sino-Japanese trouble.

Lady Conan Doyle was closely questioned by Mr. Justice McCordie on her spiritualistic theories.

Another witness was Dr. Montagu Eder, an expert on nervous and mental diseases. He described Mrs. Morris's condition when she went into a trance during a medical examination. The other transmission in masculine voices of the spirit views of "Father O'Keefe" and "Mr. Power." Dr. Eder described Mrs. Morris as perfectly sincere and honest.

Other witnesses included a woman mental expert and a doctor of philosophy.

SURPRISE FOR DE VALERAITES

UNAWARE OF FINANCIAL AGREEMENT OF 1923

HOME PRESS COMMENTS

BRITISH NOTES' FRIENDLY TONE WELCOMED IN DUBLIN.

London, Yesterday.

De Valeraites have been surprised by the mention in Mr. Thomas's last note of the Financial Agreement of February, 1923, in regard to annuities, of which, it is stated, they were unaware. Officials in Dublin said they would be anxiously searching the archives of the late Ministry for such a document which, a member of Mr. Cosgrave's late Government assured Reuter's Dublin correspondent exists. It was signed by Mr. Cosgrave, the then Finance Minister, and Major Hill, representing the British Government.

It is understood that the Land Act of 1923 gave point to the agreement, in respect of annuities, by setting out how they were to be collected and transferred to England. Mr. Cosgrave then stated that the agreement was in every way satisfactory.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Although the Irish Free State Executive Council meets to-morrow, Dublin messages say it is unlikely that the Dominion Secretary's reply to Mr. De Valera's despatch on the Oath and Land Annuities controversy will be examined before Friday.

Note Well Received.

According to the "Times" Dublin correspondent, the friendly tone of the British Government's note and its freedom from any kind of threat has been welcomed by Irish Free State citizens. He describes that many Irish Free State people are surprised that the Oath, which Mr. De Valera and his followers in the Irish Free State Parliament have themselves taken describing it in so doing as "Empty formula," should be treated as the occasion to precipitate a dispute.

Press Comments.

In no quarter of the British

Press is any sympathy or approval found for Mr. De Valera's action.

The Liberal "Star" this evening says,

"Ireland now is no longer an appendage of England but a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. Her old position lives only in the memory of those who cannot adjust their minds to facts. The only thing in fact which binds the Commonwealth together is its allegiance to the Crown. De Valera is writing to a wrong address. He thinks he is trying to break a link with England. He is in fact threatening to break bonds of the Empire which bind Irishmen in Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand to Ireland itself."

What Will Irishmen Overseas Say?

The "Evening News" refers to the already expressed concern of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa at the possible consequences of Mr. De Valera's meditated action, and says he will probably be further reminded by them that the Irish Free State helped to frame the Statute of Westminster in which it is laid down that the "Crown is a symbol of the free association of members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and they are united by a common allegiance to the Crown."

Don't Tear Ireland Out of the Family.

The "News" adds, that all over the Empire the hope will be that Ireland, which has accepted an invitation to the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa will not go there with the intention of tearing itself out of the family and so becoming no longer entitled to the many and growing boons which membership of the British Commonwealth confers.—British Official Wireless Service.

CONFIRMATORY MEETING.

China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd.

CHAIRMAN'S FEE DOUBLED.

An extraordinary general meeting of members of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Co., Ltd., was held at the Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, at noon to-day, for the purpose of confirming, as a Special Resolution, the following resolution which was passed at an extraordinary meeting of the Company on March 23:—

That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:—

"but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration."

In the absence of Sir Shou-son Chow, who is indisposed, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Te'o was elected Chairman of the meeting on the proposal of Mr. Li Jowson, seconded by Mr. Liang Chi-hao.

The resolution before the meeting was confirmed on the proposal of the Chairman, so-

conded by Mr. P. M. Hodgson.

The Chairman was supported by Messrs. Li Jowson, Liang Chi-hao and Chang Kwai-lin (Directors), and shareholders present were Messrs. P. M. Hodgson and Chau Tung-sun, and Dr. Edward W. J. Sun.

CLOUDS AND RAIN.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning stated:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened and moved into the Eastern Sea.

The depression has passed into the Pacific to the East of Hokkaido.

Forecast:—N. E. winds, moderate; cloudy, rain.

Rainfall.

For the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day—0.42 inch. Total since January 1—5.31 inches against an average of 8.18 inches—deficit 2.82 inches.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	68
Macao	63
Pratas Island	74
Manila	78
Poochow	60
Amoy	61
Swatow	63
Chiofoo	48
Shanghai	67

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

THE "EDDIE CANTOR" TRADITION.

Years ago, Eddie Cantor found out that anything he had to say, any joke or any song, was always twice as funny if he worked between a couple of beautiful girls. That tradition, born through the successive Ziegfeld "Follies" that first made him famous, is continued in his picture career to his newest "Palmy Days," which Samuel Goldwyn is presenting at the King's Theatre to-day.

Cantor believes that his beady-eyes, ebullient, prancing person needs the contrast of stately and shapely feminine pulchritude. His effort has always been not to make himself funny by baggy trousers or elongated noses, but rather to make himself the homely, unattractive, little man who is pursued and harassed by all kinds of strange menaces. Nothing helps so much, Cantor claims, as the cool, calm figure of a properly glorified American girl.

When Samuel Goldwyn decided to make his first song-and-dance picture out of the New Amsterdam Theatre success, he brought on practically the entire company of "Whoopie" show-girls and chorus. He gathered together two hundred of Hollywood's most decorative femininity. The entire group was subject to an examination of the most rigid kind by Cantor and Goldwyn and his staff. One by one the girls were eliminated, until only the sixty remained that were seen in "Whoopie." Many of the girls of the first Cantor talking picture did not have to wait long for more than show girl recognition. Eleanor Hunt stepped out to be Cantor's leading lady in that film. Another girl, Barbara Weeks, received a five-year contract from Goldwyn. She was later selected as the ingenue in "Palmy Days." Another, Frances Dean, who did a "rope dance" with Cantor, was signed to a long term agreement, and is now playing leading parts in a number of important pictures, including Goldwyn's production of "The Greeks Had a Word for It" and possibly "To-night or Never." A dozen of the "Whoopie" girls continued their association with Cantor and Goldwyn to the new "Palmy Days." Their never-ending search for new feminine beauty brought recruits from Broadway, from Hollywood and from all of the capitals of the world, so that Cantor can continue his proud boast of playing with "the most beautiful girls in this or any world."

THREE 'WORLDS' CO-OPERATE TO PRODUCE A FILM.

It required three "worlds" to produce Radio Pictures drama, "Beau Ideal," sequel to "Beau Geste"—the Orient, Occident and the New. Valuable Persian rugs, richly embroidered tapestries, black and white Moroccan leather saddles, scimitars, French Lebel rifles, jeweled daggers and swords, huge and richly embroidered pillows, Turkish water pipes and costumes were brought from the Far East by the hundreds.

London, in the Old World, was responsible for customs and architecture. The English also produced Ralph Forbes, who plays the leading role, that of "John Geste," a part re-created in "Beau Geste." The United States provided the location site and most of the personnel and equipment.

The story is of the Sahara and of London, and was produced in

Sonora desert, which extends through Arizona, California, and runs far down into Mexico.

In one tremendous spectacle scene, two nations, and two states are shown. The camera was placed on the California-Arizona line, and faced toward the southern republic.

"Beau Ideal" is at the Queen's Theatre. The cast includes Loretta Young, Ralph Forbes, Lester Vail and Irene Rich.

A MESSENGER BOY AND THE DICE.

After a search of two weeks, during which production necessarily was delayed, Miriam Seegar was chosen for the leading feminine role in the Pathe comedy drama, "Big Money," featuring Eddie Quillan, Robert Armstrong, James Gleason, Miss Seegar and Margaret Livingston, which was directed by Russell Mack and which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day. Miss Seegar, a petite blonde, was well known on the stage, both in New York and London, before she went to Hollywood about a year ago. She played leading roles opposite Richard Dix, Reginald Denny and Adolphe Menjou, and, most recently, was featured with Charlie Murray in "Clancy in Wall Street."

The cast for "Big Money" was carefully selected, and some twenty-five prominent stage and screen players were entrusted with the various roles. The story deals with the troubles and triumphs of a Wall Street messenger boy employed in a broker's office. He is addicted to the gambling habit, which is not uncommon in Wall Street, and, as a dice thrower, he is a distinguished success. He is given \$50,000 to deposit in a bank, but anxious for another whirl at the cubes, finds the bank closed and is obliged to guard the money through the ensuing night. He falls in with several gangsters and, when they learn of the treasure he carries in a brief case, his troubles begin.

There are numerous thrilling scenes, but Eddie Quillan's flair for comedy, even in the face of personal peril, carry him through with flying colours. He falls in love with his employer's daughter, portrayed by Miss Seegar, and finally wins her, after giving up the gambling game, which had almost wrecked their love romance. The picture was directed by Russell Mack. Robert Edeson, Dorothy Christy and other notable players are in the cast.

HEART-STIRRING ROMANCE.

"The Man I Killed," Paramount's tremendously heart-stirring romance drama of the days after the War, comes to the King's Theatre soon. The producers have brought forward a big cast of film favourites to enhance the power of this film's pretentious story.

Lionel Barrymore plays the role of an embittered father, whose youthful soldier son was killed in the war, and who suddenly realises that the French fathers had sons too. Nancy Carroll is cast as a very romantic-minded German girl, who falls in love with an ex-soldier of France, even though he has told her that he was the man who killed her sweetheart during the war. Phillips Holmes is seen as the young Frenchman, who devotes his time, after the War, to seeking out the girl whose name he found on an unsent letter in the pocket of the dead German.

Toni Douglas, young stage star from New York and London, plays the part of the German soldier. ZaSu Pitts, whose mournful comeliness in the face of good fortune or bad has brought her widespread film fame, is the gipsy small-town German servant. Lucien Littlefield plays a French-hating busybody, who wanted to wed Nancy, after the War, of her sweetheart's death. Louise Carter, New York stage actress and playwright, makes her screen debut as the wife of the stern and pompous Barrymore.

The picture deals with life in a small town. Holmes is the hero of the production, a former soldier, who finds love alone can erase the anguish which war-time horrors had stamped on his heart.

RIDICULOUS FUN AT AN AIR PORT.

Bert Lahr, America's most imitated comedian, and Charlotte Greenwood, make a great pair in the hilariously funny M-G-M comedy, with music, "Flying High," which is coming on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre. The director, Charles Reisner, deserves great credit for having added this definite knockout to the already long list of his comedy achievements, which include "Reducing," "Caught Short" and "Politics." Ridiculous fun at an air port and in the air is enlivened by several corking song numbers, and a beauty chorus that is very easy to look at. Kathryn Crawford sings several of the best numbers, and other players of importance are Pat O'Brien, Charles Winniger, Hedda Hopper, Guy Kibbee and Herbert Braggott. The songs are by Dorothy Fields and James McHugh, and DeSylva, Brown and Henderson. Busby Berkeley directed the dances.

Etude in E Major (Chopin), Ignace Jan Paderewski.

Chorus—There is a Tavern in the Town, (a) Vive La Compagnie, (b) When Johnny Comes Marching Home, Harold Williams and the B.B.C. Male Chorus.

Violin Solo—La Fille Au Cheveux De Lin (Debussy-Hartmann), En Bateau (Debussy), Fritz Kreisler.

Song—Ah! Moon of My Delight (from the Persian Garden Suite by Liza Lehmann), Hubert Eiseld (Tenor).

Piano Solo—Variations in C Minor (Beethoven), Sergei Rachmaninoff.

10.33 p.m.—Close Down.

NEXT CHANGE AT THE KING'S. ERNST LUBITSCH'S SMASHING PRODUCTION.



RADIO TODAY'S PROGRAMME.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Concert.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme.

7.03-7.23 p.m.—Scottish Selections.

Song—Up in the Mornin' Early Hamilton & Mackenzie, Castles in the Air (Traditional), Margaret F. Stewart, Soprano (5555).

Band—The Thistle Myddleton arr. Winterbottom, Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9102).

Song—The Standard on the Braces O' Mar (Laird), Duncan Gray (Robert Burns), Elder Cunningham (Baritone) (5045).

Pibroch Solo—Theme from—Lament for Donald Ban Macrimmon (Macrimmon), Pipe Major John Macdonald of Inverness (5052).

7.28-8 p.m.—Variety.

Sitting at a Table Laid for Two, Florence Oldham, Comedienne (DB623).

Vocal Quintette—By All the Stars Above You, The Maestros (DB432).

Instrumental—Honolulu Hawaiian Silver String Quartet (5431).

Humorous Monologue—Mr. Potter Visits Southend, Gillie Potter (5067).

Vocal Duet—Viktoria and Her Hussar—Mausie, Viktoria and Her Hussar—Mama, Oskar Dees and Barbara Ditt (DB454).

Instrumental—Blaze Away, Eddie Peabody (DB601).

Vocal Duet—Smiles—Time on my Hands, Layton & Johnstone (DB550).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

8.03-8.30 p.m.—Selections from Opera.

Organ Solo—Frederica—O Malden, My Madien (Lehar), Frederica—Wayside Rose (Lehar), Quentin M. Maclean (DB277).

Pianoforte Solo—Rosenkavalier, Fantasy on Love Themes (R. Strauss, arr. Grainger), Percy Grainger (DB23).

Orchestral—Madame Butterfly—Selection (Puccini, arr. Tavan), New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (9306).

Pianoforte Solo—Rigoletto—Paraphrase (Verdi, arr. List), Irene Scharrer (DB70).

8.30-9.02 p.m.—Concerto in E Minor for Cello and Orchestra (Elgar, Op. 85), W. H. Squire (Cellist) and the Halle Orchestra, conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty (DX17-20).

9.02-9.30 p.m.—Orchestral and Band Selections.

The Little Minister Overture (Mackenzie), New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (7140-M).

Frenet Euch Des Lebens (J. Strauss), Thousand & One Nights (J. Strauss), Johann Strauss & Symphony Orchestra (9226).

Waldfest Memories—Fantasia (Arr. Finck), Herman Finck & His Orch. (9386).

The Danzab Rose (Chopin Theme adapted by Clusam), Court Symphony Orchestra (DX24).

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

9.30-9.45 p.m.—Dr. Radio will give Listeners the second clue of the Radio Treasure Hunt.

9.45-10.30 p.m.—A Programme of Concert Items selected from Z.B.W.'s Library of Records.

Song—I Sometimes Think (from the Persian Garden Suite by Liza Lehmann), Muriel Brunskill, Contralto.

Duet—A Book of Verse (from the Persian Garden Suite by Liza Lehmann), Dora Labette (Soprano) and Hubert Eiseld (Tenor).

Piano Solo—Impromptu in A Flat (Schubert), (Continued in preceding Column.)

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre;

"Palmy Days," Theatre;

To-day—Queens Theatre;

"Beau Ideal," Theatre;

To-day—Central Theatre;

"Big Money," Theatre;

To-day—Majestic Theatre;

"All Quiet On The Western Front," Theatre;

To-day—Star Theatre;

"Lady's Moral," Theatre;

To-day—Schneider Trio Recital, Helena May Institute, 9.20 p.m.

Home Mails.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Gange).

Friday—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Hong Hwa); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Yasukuni Maru), 1.30 p.m.; for Europe via Siberia (President Cleveland), 6 p.m.

Meetings.
April 14—Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, general meeting of Importers, Chartered Bank Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

April 19—A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

April 21—Wm. Powell, Ltd., 6, Des Vaux Road Central, 11.30 a.m.

LLOYD GEORGE HANDS OUT BOUQUETS.

Signalling his return to the political arena, which he has since decided all but to vacate, Mr. Lloyd George, on March 16, in addressing the members of the Junior Liberal Club, launched a bitter attack on the members of the National Government and his old colleagues.

The Daily Telegraph writing editorially the next day, described his speech as an "Outburst" and "A Complete Travesty of the Crisis."

The Manchester Guardian, on the other hand, referred to it, also editorially, as "A Breath of Fresh Air."

In the course of his speech he "shot up" everybody without discrimination, according to the first mentioned paper; but the Manchester Guardian said of his oratorical flight, that "it sparkled with thrusts and sallies directed with a liberal and impartial hand."

Here are some of his "shots" or "thrusts and sallies."

Not a Driver.
The Prime Minister.—There is no one who looks better on a dicky, but he is not a driver. There is no man who can do nothing better and do it with a flourish.

A Volcano.
Mr. Baldwin.—There is one thing he has in common with a volcano, and that is they both smoke incessantly.

Pickpocket.
Sir Herbert Samuel.—In his own language, he has joined the pickpockets.

Riding Fences.
Sir John Simon.—We have all got our hobby horses, and riding fences seems to be his. He is still doing it, so I hear from Geneva.

A Stylite.
Mr. Runciman.—He belongs to that eccentric and self-centred kind of devotee that used to be known as Stylites. They must always have a pillar of their own. They won't be on a platform with anyone else.

S.M. and A.
Sir Donald Maclean, Sir Archibald Sinclair and Sir Herbert Samuel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They have found substitutes for the fiery furnace.

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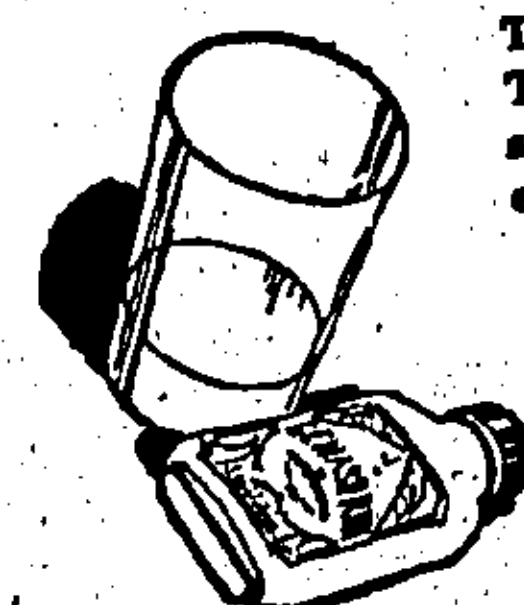
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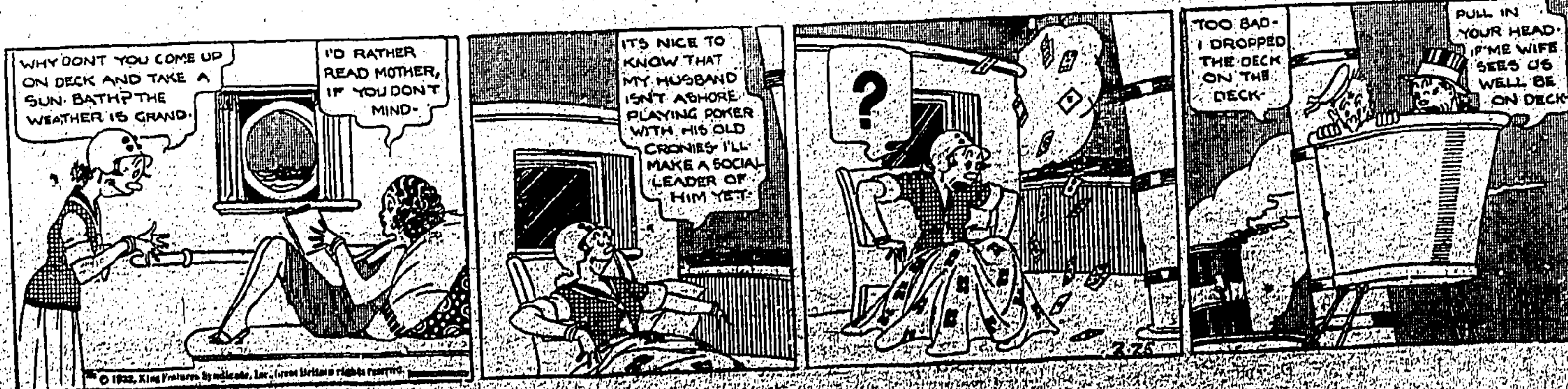
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

Y.M.C.A. WIN BUT DO NOT IMPRESS.

Poor Combination
Against Cumberland.

RADIO'S EASY VICTORY.

Though winning at King's Park by the odd goal in five against H.M.S. Cumberland yesterday a strong Y.M.C.A. hockey eleven showed poor form against very mediocre opposition.

In the opening minutes Burnett gave the "Y" the lead, but Etherington soon equalised for the Cumberland. Play of a ding dong nature ensued for a period before Browne placed the "Y" ahead. Crossing over with a goal lead the Y.M.C.A. went further ahead when Selk scored a good goal. Nothing daunted, the Cumberland took up the offensive and Etherington managed to reduce the arrears.

On the run of the play the Y.M.C.A. should have scored at least six goals, but hesitancy in front of goal robbed their forwards of many glorious opportunities. It may have been the slippery state of the ground, but there was something obviously lacking in the combination of the whole team. Etherington was perhaps the best man on the field, being ever a source of danger when in possession.

Result:—

Y.M.C.A. 3
Cumberland 2
Y.M.C.A.—L. D. Skinner; A. Tate and naval substitute; R. A. Bates, D. McLellan, F. S. W. Smith; J. M. Wilson, G. C. Burnett, F. Selk, W. J. Browne and T. J. Price.

Radio's Big Win.

Leading by four goals to nil at half time in their match against the German Club at Caroline Hill yesterday a weakened Radio Sports Club eleven gained an easy victory by six clear goals. Gurbachan Singh, their promising centre-forward scored four of his side's total. K. Singh and A. Singh netting the remaining two.

For the Radio, Jack at centre-half and G. Singh were the most prominent players whilst Muller, the visiting centre-forward, strove hard but unavailingly to get his line into motion.

HERBERT TAYLOR RETIRING.

Conclusion of Brilliant
Test Career.

After a brilliant Test career lasting twenty years H. W. Taylor, one of the finest batsman South Africa has ever produced, has announced his retirement from representative cricket. It is rather a pity that Taylor should make his exit from the Test arena with one of his worst exhibitions—he scored only 9 in the last match at Christchurch.

Stylish and quick-footed, Taylor, who was born at Durham in 1889, has often stepped into the breach when things have been going badly for his side and he has invariably pulled a game out of the fire.

He first appeared for South Africa in Test matches in 1912 and in the following year, when only 24, he captained South Africa against England. He was also captain in 1921 (v. Australia) and 1922 and 1924 (v. England). Taylor has played in over 40 Test matches and scored over 3,000 runs, including six centuries, all against England, the highest being 176 at Johannesburg in 1922-23.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB ELEVEN.

Against Kowloon C.C.
on Saturday.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club against the Kowloon Cricket Club at 2 p.m. on the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday.
E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain), A. C. Beck, Capt. R. L. Burnett, R. N. E. R. Duckitt, J. E. Richardson, L. A. M. Anstruther, R. E. D. McLellan, L. T. Rido, W. D. Foley, J. S. Potter and A. D. Lawson.

F.A. CUP SEMI-FINALS

ARSENAL'S LAST MINUTE GOAL
SENDS THEM TO WEMBLEY.

CHELSEA'S LOSING GAME

London, March 12. Youth and experience blended at Birmingham to give Arsenal a last-minute victory over Manchester City, enabling them to go to Wembley for the third time in the last five seasons as the upholders of Metropolitan prestige against north country challengers.

There they will meet Newcastle United. The Tynesiders, who were drawn against Chelsea at Huddersfield, quickly established a mastery from which the London team never recovered.

The gates at Birmingham were closed after 65,000 people had squeezed inside to enjoy a fast game in bright sunshine.

In the first minute, Tilson dribbled right through to within two yards of the goal, but he slipped as he was taking his final kick. Very soon the Manchester City for-

wards were harassing the Arsenal defence, and they looked extremely dangerous.

The former Arsenal player, David Halliday, side-stepped Roberts, but as he was going to kick he lost control. Manchester were soon proving themselves cleverer with ball control, while Arsenal excelled in ballooning.

After about half an hour, however, the game evened up. Lambert had several chances, but each came to a fruitless end, then Halliday, whose artistry against his old club was dazzling, slipped a pass across the Arsenal goal mouth, and only by making a spectacular dive was Moss able to save.

The Manchester defence was exceedingly steady, whereas Parker and Hapgood were hard pressed.

Two thrills came just before the interval. Bastin ballooned a ball narrowly over the crossbar while Brookes, who was the spear-head of the City attack, streaked through the Arsenal ranks, but missed his kick. Half time 0-0.

A Surprise Victory. Felton cleared the Manchester goal-line when James came within an inch of scoring. At this stage the game was clearly favouring the City, but Parker's head was their stumbling block.

Both defences were displaying the highest pluck and skill, and as

the second half drew towards a close, the spectators were preparing themselves to see a goalless draw.

A minute from time, however, came the surprise—a dramatic climax, and a victory that was not altogether deserved.

Lambert worked out towards the right wing and then passed quickly to Bastin, who, without breaking his step, crashed a "first-timer" into the net from only a few yards' range.

Manchester City 0, Arsenal 1.

Defeat of Chelsea.

Almost from the start, Chelsea played a losing game against Newcastle, and not all Gallagher's elusiveness could stem the tide of defeat against them.

The weather was ideal. Among the 45,000 spectators present was the Duke of York.

Chelsea took the field weakened by the absence of their right-back, Parker. To begin with Gallagher and Jackson made several raids, but Newcastle were quick to gain the upperhand.

After 12 minutes play, a hard shot from Allen put the United in the lead, while 15 minutes later Lang headed in a pass from Boyd, putting Newcastle two goals up.

This was just the stimulant Chelsea needed and they "woke up" with a vengeance. Gallagher missed a great chance by dallying with the ball in front of the goal. As he was preparing to shoot a shoulder charge from a full-back sent him flying along the ground. A few minutes later Jackson narrowly missed a header.

Gallagher atoned for his earlier mistake by dashing in when the ball was passed back to the goal-keeper to score.

Half-time: Newcastle United 2, Chelsea 1.

The half-time score was unaltered at the end of play. Newcastle United relaxed their grip on the game after the interval, and Chelsea fought very hard to wipe off the arrears; they were distinctly at times.

Miller twice narrowly missed scoring from passes by Pearson. The latter had plenty of scope and was frequently dangerous. Weak finishing was greatly responsible for the London team's defeat. Both teams attacked keenly just before the end, but again Allen dalled in front of the goal-mouth when he had an easy chance to score.

Chelsea's real weakness lay in the half-back line, which should, not have given the Newcastle forwards as much headway as they had.

Newcastle 2, Chelsea 1.

Our Sports Diary.

TO-DAY.

HOCKEY—Hong Kong Club v. Borderers at U.S.R.C. at 5.30 p.m.
FOOTBALL—H.K.F.A. Council Meeting.

FRIDAY.

HOCKEY—Hong Kong Club "A" v. Y.M.C.A. at King's Park at 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

CRICKET—Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. at H.K.C.C. at 2 p.m.

ATHLETICS—St. Joseph's College Sports at Caroline Hill at 1 p.m.; Royal Artillery Sports on Navy ground, King's Park.

RUGBY REFEREE'S ESCAPE.

Two Shots Fired by
A Spectator.

Exasperated by the referee's decisions at a Rugby match at Perplan, France, a spectator drew a revolver and had two shots at the official.

He missed the referee, but put a hole through a spectator's cap, and then disappeared. Apparently the sympathies of the crowd were with the gunman.



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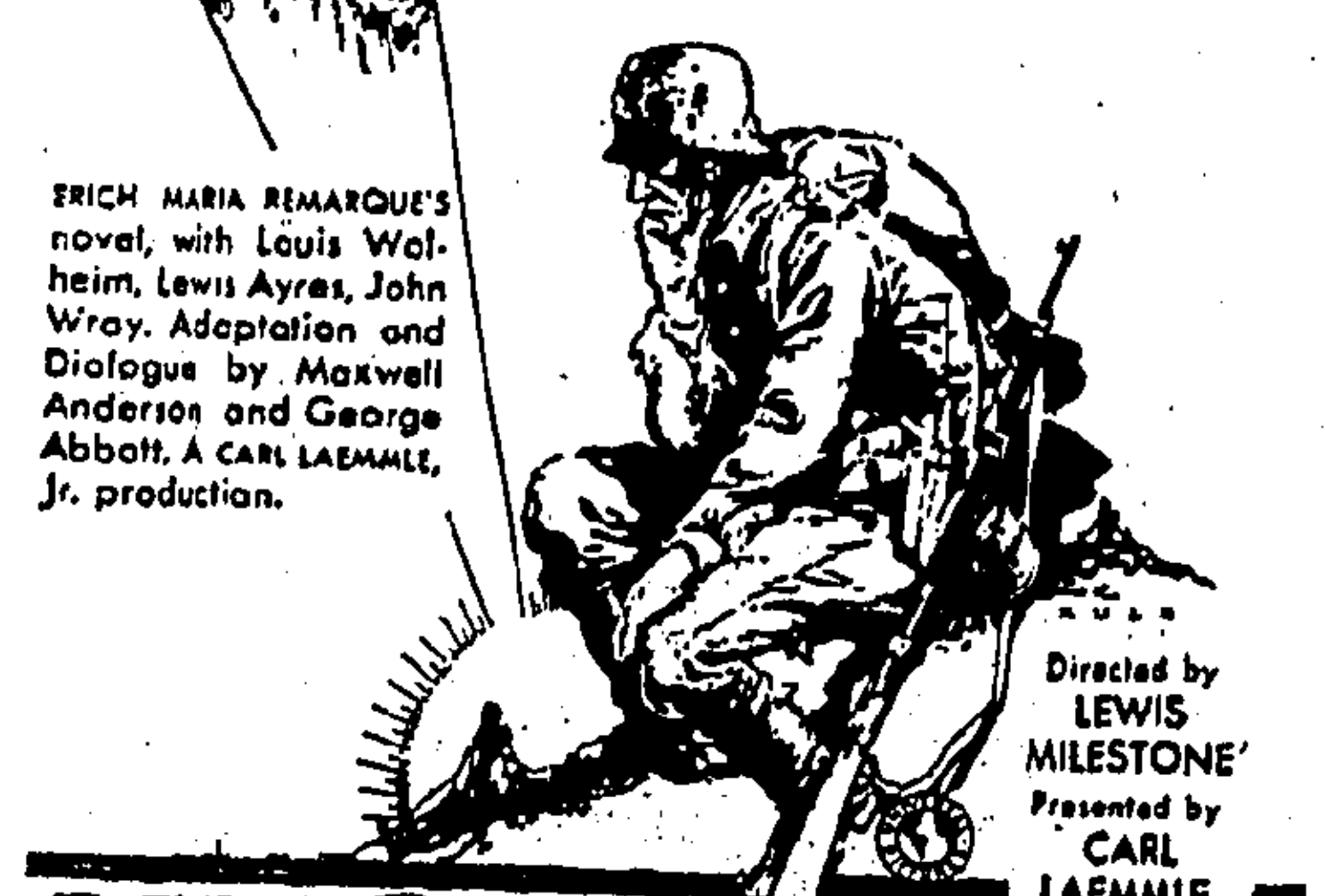
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BULLION BROKERS.

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An Amusing Address.

The weekly Rotary Tiffin was, yesterday, held on board the s.s. President Hoover, Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith being the speaker, delivering a witty and humorous address on bullion brokers.

In the course of his address Mr. Bowes-Smith said, that exchange brokers as a body are so often shot at in the Press that when one rises in public he half expects to be the target for bananas and rotten apples.

"There is no section of the community," he continued, "which is more malignant than the bullion brokers, unless it be the Broadcasting Committee, the civil servants and the inhabitants of Ice House Street. Yet a more docile and harmless lot of human beings it would be difficult to find. Accused of almost every crime from rigging the exchange market and rooking the public, down to exceeding the rikisha speed limit, these mild-mannered gentlemen find it hard at times to hold up their heads and look their fellow citizens in the face. (Laughter.) Even the sharebrokers look askance at them, as though they have deliberately engineered the rise in the dollar to depress the stock market. In time they acquire a sort of inferiority complex, feeling that no matter how they present their case to the public, no one will believe a word they say. As a matter of fact, I have never known an exchange broker tell an untruth."

The speaker also dealt with the excellent manners displayed by these misunderstood men, and after describing their privy to lives, and their calling, dealt with the intricate question of finding out the rates. Referring to the reticence of bankers, the speaker said, "Most of the bankers are reluctant to tell you anything until they have found out what you are trying to do, and they only make their wants known when they think you are going to be of some use to them. It is therefore most unwise to be put off by a banker's statement that he is doing nothing. There are a thousand and one things he wants to do. But he won't tell you. That is the humiliation of the position."

Take my friend here, Mr. Kan Tong-po. When you ask him something he shakes his head solemnly and says "Very slack! Very slack!" Whether he is referring to business or to the broker is not at all clear. You press him again and he says "See what happens." What he wants to do will be revealed in due course—and then probably to one of your competitors. But you have got to keep on pegging away. He may suddenly like your face and give you an order."

Keeping Pace with Rates.

Mr. Bowes-Smith then dealt with the market, and the practical difficulties that stand in the way of the broker. "To keep pace with the rates," he said, "you have also got to try and find out what your competitors are doing in the inter-bank market. But though you see signs of activity right and left, you may not know in the least what it is all about. It may not be interbank business at all. A man can get just as hot and bothered over buying a draft for fifty pesos."

You therefore set out like a sleuth-hound to gain the desired knowledge. Some bankers just sit with their contracts before them, turned upside down, and defy your efforts at thought reading, with a bland smile on their faces. You won't get much help from those quarters. But some will reveal a transaction in confidence: some will talk quite naturally about what they have done; while others—a very small minority—will blurt it from the housetops. In the latter case a purchase of \$10,000 becomes \$30,000 in no time, by the mere process of rumour-mongering, and an hour later it will be reported that they have bought up the whole market."

On the whole, however, you will not glean as much as you would wish in the course of this detective work, and the next step is to tackle your broker competitors, in the hope that one of them will be in an expansive or boastful mood. The offer of a cigarette, or the gift of a piece of chocolate, will sometimes work the oracle. Under the spell of your friendliness, the

other fellow may confess to you that he has just done a quarter of a lac of yen or a wad of rupees. One of my friends can always be won over by telling him the latest after-dinner joke. When he has finished laughing, he is in such a good mood that he will tell you all he knows. Unfortunately it never amounts to very much.

Well, gentlemen, I could go on indefinitely but I shall be getting the bankers on my track. However, I hope that, like all of you, we have our worries, and that life with us is not one long rikisha ride. Next time you hear a shouting in the street and are nearly knocked over by a bullion broker's coolies, do not vent your anger on him, even if he looks as though he owned the President Hoover. Think rather of his frustrated hopes and agony of mind, and remember that underneath that pretty buttonhole his heart may be as heavy as the silver market. I do not suppose I shall address you again on this subject for the next fifteen or twenty years, but if I have dwelt to-day on the drawbacks of our profession, you may rest assured that next time I shall strike a more optimistic note. I shall be just thinking of retiring, and must get SOMEONE to buy my seat! (Laughter and Applause.)

Mr. Li Tse-fong, thanked Mr. Bowes-Smith for his address.

Y.W.C.A.

First Successful Function.

In the west lounge of the new wing of the Y.M.C.A., yesterday, the newly formed Women's Section held its first function. It took the form of a bridge and mahjong drive in aid of the Girl Guides Hut Fund. An enjoyable time was spent by all who attended.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Contract Bridge, 1st Mrs. E. Cook; Booby, Miss Elliott-Hayward.

Auction Bridge, 1st Mrs. Grist; Booby, Mrs. Holloway.

Mahjong, 1st Mrs. Russell; Booby, Miss C. Allison.

A hand-made leather bag, made and presented by Mrs. J. H. Hunt, was won by Mrs. L. Jack.

The prize were presented to the winners by Mrs. T. H. King, in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. W. T. Southorn, and she received a bouquet of flowers from Miss Johanna Holland, a Girl Guide.

MENINGITIS OUTBREAK.

Mortality Not Abnormally High.

Mr. M. K. Lo, pursuant to notice, asked questions concerning the meningitis scare at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. His questions, together with the answers, were as under:—

"In view of the prevalence of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis cases in the Colony, will the Head of the Sanitary Department obtain the necessary information and inform the Board as to:—

(1) What is the total number of cases reported up to and including Monday, April 11?

A.—Sixty-three.

(2) What is the incubation period, and what are the characteristic initial symptoms of the disease?

A.—The incubation period is unknown. It is probably not more than ten days, usually stated to be four to five days, but the evidence on which this estimate is based is inconclusive. The initial symptoms are generally influenza in type varying in severity with the severity of the attack. Headache of varying intensity is a constant feature.

More Serum Being Manufactured.

(3) Whether there is a sufficient supply of anti-Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis serum in the Colony?

A.—The Hon. Director of Medical and Sanitary Services informs me as follows:—There is sufficient serum for three hundred cases in stock at the Bacteriological Institute. More is being manufactured.

Mr. Lo then asked two supplementary questions. They were:—

(a)—As regards the serum in stock in Hong Kong, is it prepared locally and how long does it retain its efficacy?

A.—Yes. Indefinitely if kept under proper conditions.

(b)—Are the cases already reported in Hong Kong of a malignant type?

A.—I am afraid I cannot give anything approaching an accurate answer to this question. So far as I am aware, the case of mortality is not abnormally high.

MILD EPIDEMIC!
No Need For Alarm.

When seen by a China Mail representative this morning, with regard to meningitis in the Colony, Dr. G. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, agreed that there is an epidemic of this disease here at the present time. However, he characterized it as mild, as witness the fact that whereas a high mark for the month was reached when 12 cases were returned for the 24 hours ended on Monday, there was only one case yesterday, and none had been reported for to-day, up to the time of the interview. There is nothing to be unduly alarmed about.

BABOON INVASION.

Farms Raided and Motorcars Stoned.

Troops of starving baboons and monkeys are causing havoc to the orchards and farms of the Eastern Province, South Africa. Pineapple and banana fields have been stripped bare and many acres of maize and Kaffir corn laid waste.

The thick wild bush on the coast, which was inhabited by numerous tribes of baboons and monkeys, is rapidly being cleared, so the animals are being driven inland. Fields of maize and other crops are taking the place of the wild apples and roots on which they fed.

Besides pillaging farmlands for food the baboons have rendered the roads dangerous by showering stones on any motorcar that comes within range.

MR. CHURCHILL LIKES HIS NEW CAR.

Mr. Winston Churchill found a surprise waiting for him when he arrived in London on March 18 from a lecture tour in the United States.

Drawn up alongside the platform was the £2,000 saloon car which has been presented to him by friends. It was the first time that Mr. Churchill had seen the car.

After admiring it for a moment, he said: "It is lovely. She looks as if she will do about 80."

Then he entered the car and sank back appreciatively.

He was driven to his home at Westminster.

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USE OF DRUGS.

The plea for Euthanasia ("easy death") in cases of painful and incurable disease which was made by Dr. C. Killick Millard in his presidential address before the Society of Medical Officers of Health last October is emphatically endorsed by Sir Arbuthnot Lane.

In a foreword to the printed address, by the C. W. Daniel Company (2s. net), Sir Arbuthnot points out that animals were not permitted by law to continue in their sufferings, and yet, in the case of the human subject, however intense the suffering and however hopeless the condition, the unfortunate individual "praying and longing for death can find no relief from his agony except the very temporary alleviation afforded by opium or other narcotic drugs."

That medical men suffering from cancer or other painful diseases have terminated their own lives, he continues, is well known. "They, realising from experience how long they may be tortured and in agony, possessing a knowledge of which the lay sufferer is fortunately ignorant, telescope the duration of a life of pain and misery."

The pamphlet also contains the draft of a Bill which it is proposed to introduce into Parliament, providing for the granting of permits "which will render it legal for persons who are certified to be suffering from incurable, fatal, and painful disease to receive Euthanasia, if they so desire, and thus to shorten the severe physical suffering entailed by certain forms of disease."

Numerous safeguards against abuse are embodied in the draft Bill.

WATER RETURN.

All Reservoirs Below Overflow.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on April 1, 1932, were as under:—

City and Hill District.	1931	1932
Tytam	26'11" B	27' 7" B
Tytam Byewash	25' 1" B	25' 9" B
Tytam Intermediate	35' 0" B	37' 3" B
Tytam Tuk	42'10" B	39'11" B
Wong Nei Chung	26'10" B	24'11" B
Pokfulum	22' 7" B	24' 3" B
Aberdeen Upper	—	41'11" B
Aberdeen Lower	—	—
[Notes: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow"; L denotes "Level with Overflow."]		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
1931	1932	
Tytam	193.20	193.20
Tytam Byewash	.68	.46
Tytam Intermediate	52.70	47.10
Tytam Tuk	581.50	627.33
Wong Nei Chung	5.67	6.69
Pokfulum	19.65	16.65
Aberdeen Upper	—	34.90
Aberdeen Lower	—	—
Total	954.10	922.33

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	257.13	248.64*
Estimated population	451,480	362,500
Consumption per head per day	18.4	21.0
* Includes 27.15 million gallons from Mainland.		

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Kowloon.	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	28' 9" B	25'11" B
Kowloon Byewash	—	49' 2" B
Shak Lai Pui	6' 0" B	11' 4" B
Reservoir	13' 9" B	11' 2" B
Shing Mun Reservoir	—	—
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
1931	1932	
Kowloon Main	151.80	137.23
Kowloon Byewash	13.10	40.05
Shak Lai Pui	93.00	74.48
Reservoir	227	7.24
Shing Mun Reservoir	—	—
Total	250.17	259.60

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March, 1932.

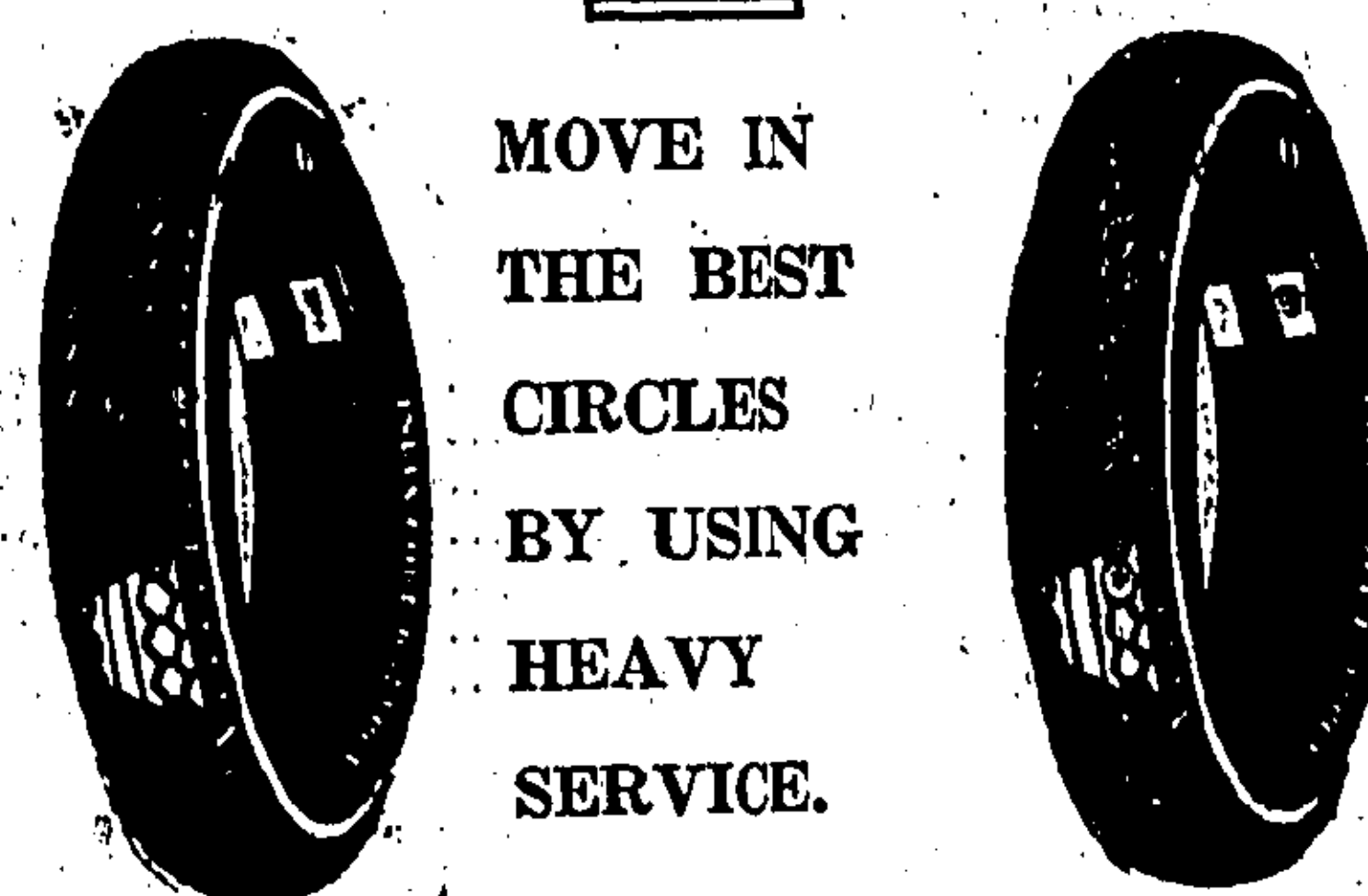
	1931	1932
Consumption	139.54	153.56
Estimated population	179,500	297,850
Consumption per head per day	25.1	19.6
* Constant supply in all Districts during March, 1931, and 1932.		

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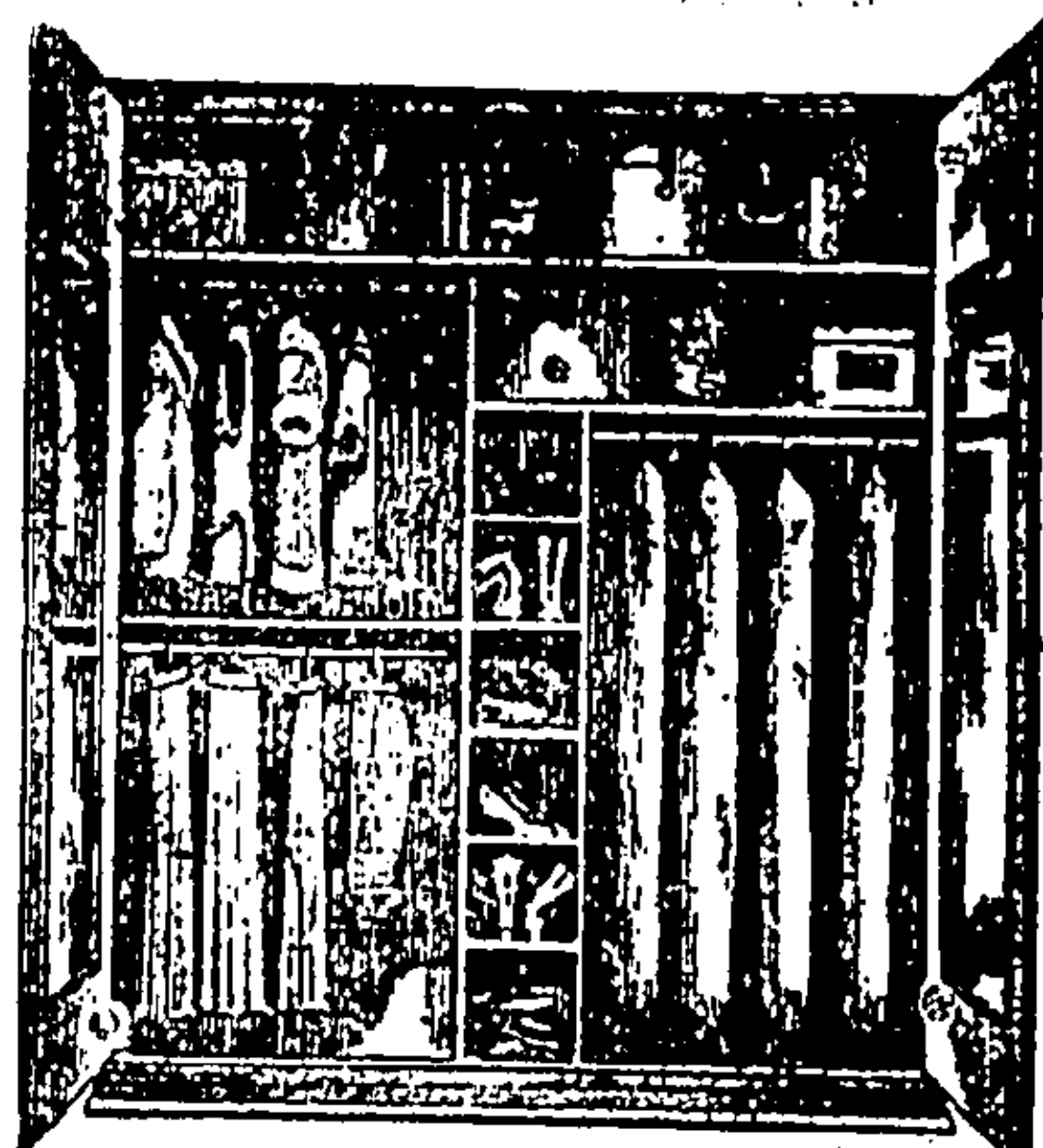
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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, April 13, 1932.

The Creed of Britishers
in India.

News of the situation in India now-a-days is meagre. This is not due to the activity of the censor, but to a lull in the political upheaval which has been so characteristic of India in the past months and, indeed, years. The last cables of any importance received in the Colony, in respect of happenings in India, were to the effect that the Government of India had banned the holding of the annual session of the Indian National Congress in Delhi, and the expressed determination of the veteran National Congress leader, Pandit Mohan Malaviya, to hold the session in spite of Government's interdiction.

To-day, we wish to concern ourselves with the attitude of Europeans in India to the Reforms and the aspirations of Indians. This attitude is often misrepresented and misunderstood within and without India. It is a travesty of the facts to say that Europeans in India adopt a die-hard attitude in respect of the Reforms, and that they are totally unappreciative of Indian aspirations.

Europeans in India stand for the progressive realisation of self-government, but, and very rightly too, are opposed to any advance whatsoever in self-government where organised defiance of the law is still the order of the day. They are, of course, opposed to the barren creed of non-co-operation. Who is not? They are convinced that no matter what sort of government is set up in India, it is the first necessity of any such government to see that the laws are observed and order maintained. They believe that the communal question must be settled voluntarily and not by imposition, if success is to be the fruit of that settlement. They hold that provincial autonomy should be given effect to for a sufficient period to enable the outcome to be judged before anything approximating to full federal autonomy shall have taken place. They are convinced that accepting democracy as the basis of India's future constitution a federal policy is the only one to achieve success. But its foundations must be well and truly laid. There must be no building of the roof until the foundations have settled and it is known, as far as the wit of man can know such things, that the foundation is strong enough to bear the superstructure. There is no objection to the many political architects, interested in the

building up of a new India, delineating their plans and showing how the foundations may be cut and laid so as to conform to delineations. Again, they plump unanimously for the principle that there shall be tolerated no possibility of adverse discrimination, religious, racial, commercial, or otherwise, by any majority against any minority.

The one supreme reality, in a welter of unreality, which Europeans in India hold steadfastly to, is the facing of India's problems on a provincial basis; and they hold, tentatively, to the opinion of the possibility of India's supreme problem, the communal one, together with her other problems, being found capable of solution on a provincial basis.

A careful consideration of the creed of Britishers in India, as outlined above, will, we think, convince our readers that, far from Europeans in India being antagonistic to Indian aspirations they have the truest interests of India at heart.

Skylarkers?

A skylarker, according to the great Noah Webster, is a person who frolics, sports or carouses. And "skylarking," according to the same authority, is a nautical expression applied to the act of running about the rigging of a vessel in sport.

In view of these definitions, it is not correct to describe the gentlemen, who caused some excitement on a "Star" ferry last Saturday night, as skylarkers. It is true that the incident occurred on a vessel, but that is all that there is to associate the incident with skylarking in the nautical sense. It may be admitted that what those gentlemen did was done in sport, but there will be few to agree that their action was a sporting one. Indeed, we have heard it described as "damn foolish" and even "wicked."

Let us retail the incident, as it has already been recorded in Press sheets. When the ferry was approaching the Hong Kong landing stage on Saturday night, one or more of these gentlemen threw overboard one or two or more lifebelts and raised the cry of "Man overboard!" (It was only for a joke, they, perhaps, say. But we fail to see where the joke lies, or lay). The ferry was stopped and another gentleman, not of the party, is reported to have discarded his coat and plunged overboard to the rescue of the "Man overboard," the moment the cry was raised. This gentleman is to be applauded for his gallant action. Not so those who were the perpetrators of a foolish, childish prank. There we have the bare facts of the case.

Now, what happened when the ferry, after some delay, came alongside and tied up to the landing stage? The gentlemen were

interrogated by an officer of the "Star" Ferry Company. What the result of that interrogation was we do not know. But this we do know, the Company has not yet prosecuted the gentlemen for raising a false alarm. We are surprised that the Company — and be it remembered that it is a public utility service company — does not appreciate what duty it owes to the public in this case. Railway companies, when alarm signals are brought into action without proper reason, do not hesitate to prosecute and demand heavy penalties. Why did not the "Star" Ferry Company take some such action? Suppose, instead of raising the cry "Man overboard," the cry had been raised of either "Fire" or "Ferry sinking." Into what a panic may not passengers on the ferry at the time have been thrown, and with what consequences had best be left to one's imagination! And yet, the "Star" Ferry Company views with leniency, apparently, an incident of a grave nature. The public using "Star" ferries, surely deserve greater consideration. But they not only deserve it, it is their due. The "Star" Ferry Company ought to have known better in which direction its duty lay. It must be more discreet in such cases in future, and it must not shirk a responsibility, no matter how unhappy it may be, which passengers, who entrust their lives to the Company on the passages across the harbour, have a perfect right to expect it to shoulder.

News in Brief.

One case of small-pox, three of diphtheria, two of enteric fever, and only one case of meningitis were notified yesterday.

For the same reason, it is learned that cinemas and other places of entertainment, where crowds gather, have been placed out of bounds for Service men.

Accidentally falling into a hold of the s.s. Kwai-chow, lying under repairs at Taikeo Dockyard, a coolie, Yeung Choi (32), suffered scalp wounds and a fracture of the left leg. He was removed to the Civil Hospital.

In a fit of depression over financial matters, a married woman, Li Lun, (46), living at 4 Chung Sing Street, first floor, is stated to have taken an overdose of eucalyptus oil. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Members of the Rotary Club were guests at tiffin on board the s.s. President Hoover yesterday. The speaker after tiffin was Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith, a well-known local Bill and Exchange Broker, who spoke on "These Bullion Brokers."

On account of meningitis assuming epidemic proportions in the Colony, the lecture by the Rev. Ernie C. H. Tribbeck on Ibsen's "Peer Gynt," which was to have been given in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home this evening, has been postponed.

On a summons for sub-letting his eating house at 282 Hennessy Road, to a carpenter for his trade, Lo Ching, was fined \$10 by Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning. Sanitary Inspector W. E. Allen prosecuted, stating that the defendant had contravened his licence. In addition to the fine imposed, his Workshop made an order for the carpenter's business to be closed within a week.

At the Annual Meeting of the St. Andrew's Branch of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association at 9 p.m. to-morrow Dr. M. O. Pfister is giving a lecture on "Through Yunnan to China's Sacred Mountain, Omi," illustrated by lantern views. There is no charge for admission and the meeting is open to any friends who wish to come. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the funds of the V.D.M.A.

Personal Pars.

We regret to learn that Sir Shouson Chow is at present indisposed.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, the Chairman, Mr. G. R. Sayer, regretted the loss of the services of the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau as a result of his appointment as a Member of the Legislative Council, and congratulated Mr. M. K. Lo on his appointment to take Mr. Chau's place on the Board.

DEAN INGE ON EVOLUTION
AND RELIGION

"WORLD-ORDERS OF WHICH
WE KNOW NOTHING."

The view that there are other worlds than the planet we live on was expressed by Dean Inge, when delivering his second Warburton lecture in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. Dean Inge said that some of the younger scientists had returned to a theory which in the last century was scouted, that of the creation of the world in time. Philosophy had generally inclined to the belief that the world was perpetual, as its Creator was eternal. The perpetuity of the universe was the reflection under the conditions of time and space of the timeless, unchanging, eternal nature of the Creator. Even Christian philosophy, apart from the Bible, tended in the same direction. The fact of a creation in time was a good example of the kind of truth which could not be supernaturally revealed in any way.

The Holy Spirit. The Christian revelation was supported by the witness of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. But a purely cosmological theory could appeal to no such corroboration, and if it rested on statements in the Old Testament we were now convinced that the writers of those books knew much less of the early history of the world than we did ourselves.

In the absence of any supernatural guidance, they were left with the uncertainty that while almost all other arguments pointed to the everlastingness of the world, the second law of thermodynamics pointed in the opposite direction. "My own belief," Dr. Inge said, "is that if the cosmic process, as we partly know it, is doomed to pass out of existence, there will be, perhaps already, other world-orders of which we know nothing. But this belief is based mainly on the objection that we can hardly imagine the Deity existing alone after his world has been finally destroyed. It has no support whatever in natural science.

New Discoveries. These great questions always lead back to the fundamental problem of the conditions of knowledge. New discoveries have called public attention to a fact which was clear to all thoughtful people long before, that the mythical cosmology which was part of the Christian tradition is a poetical and not a scientific account of the origin of the world we live in.

Some opponents of Christianity absurdly maintained that the substance of the Christian religion has been thus destroyed. My contention is that Christianity stands or falls, not with any theories about the past and future of our planet and its inhabitants, but with the "philosophia perennis," the great tradition, the foundations of which were laid by the Greeks and which has been developed by a long line of

Christian thinkers from St. Paul and St. John to our own day."

Modernism. This tradition, the Dean continued, was now assailed by what looked like a coalition. He was going to call the coalition Modernism — a wider use of the word than that which the Pope invented as a designation of the Liberal Catholics, and which some Liberal Anglicans had adopted as a name for themselves.

The two chief tendencies in Modernist thought which brought it into conflict with the great tradition, were anti-intellectualism and the philosophy of movement.

Some of our modernist guides would substitute "God as history" for the subject of "God in history." This he considered a very grave error which had had pernicious effects on the religion of the day. It was a commonplace that for nearly 100 years we had used the concept of evolution as a general framework in which to set our ideas about history, natural science, civilisation, and politics.

The idea of evolution had invaded philosophy and religion and had been predominant in all the thought of our time. That it had often been used in an illegitimate manner went without saying. It had become a favourite catchword which was brought in to adorn pretentious and thoughtless writing on every subject. The complete absence in historical Christianity of any idea of evolution in man, and of progress for society, was a matter of great importance for the understanding of Church history.

Purely Individual. In historical Christianity, down almost to our own day, evolution was purely individual and was confined to the present life, which was to be followed by a static condition either of rest and enjoyment, or of unending torment. It was thus plain that the idea of permanence or stability was overstressed and the values of change, movement and progress were unduly neglected.

After some discussion of the ideas of Charles Darwin, who came, he said, exactly at the right time to put the keystone on to the arch, Dr. Inge concluded by saying that from the religious point of view "evolution" was only the name of the method by which God works.

It was neither hostile to religion nor favourable to it. It merely substituted belief in regular action for the catastrophic theories of Divine activity which were previously held. It had transferred the aspirations of the individual life to a larger stage with a vision of a perfected humanity in the far future in place of the hope of the final deliverance of the soul from the trammels of existence in the world of change and chance.

"ACCIDENTAL
DEATH."Hennessy Road
Tragedy.

The death of a Chinese woman, who was knocked down by a car, driven by Mr. C. E. Gahagan in Hennessy Road, Wanchai, on March 23, was the subject of an inquest held by Mr. Schofield (sitting as Coroner) at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Mr. E. S. C. Brooks watched the proceedings in the interests of Mr. Gahagan.

Dr. G. H. Thomas stated that the woman died five minutes after admission, from shock and multiple injuries, including a ruptured spleen and broken ribs.

The Coroner asked if the post-mortem examination disclosed any definite indication of the woman having been run over, and witness replied that he found no such indication, although the injuries were consistent with the woman having been knocked down by a car.

A Chinese mechanic, who was an eye witness, stated the car was travelling at full speed and ran straight into the woman. He heard no horn sounded. After hearing evidence the jury

returned a verdict of accidental death and attached no blame to the driver, who in their opinion, took every precaution to avoid an accident.

The Coroner expressed the sympathy of the Court and of the jury with the deceased's husband.

Ten Years Ago.

From the "China Mail" of April 13, 1922.

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 9/16.

At the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Tramway Co., Ltd., the Chairman said, "In regard to the subject of a tramway in Kowloon, you are aware that this Company has on many occasions applied to the Government for the concession and were in fact prepared to construct a tramway eight years ago. Last year the Government considered the question of a public motor service instead, and advertised for tenders. Your Directors submitted a tender asking for a substantial subsidy which they considered necessary to make a motor service on the conditions laid down remunerative. No tender was, however, accepted, and the scheme was abandoned. Since that time, a tramway concession has again been under consideration, and I believe tenders will be invited in due course."

Retrenchment Commission's Recommendations

Several Prison Reforms Advocated

"Over Centralization" in C.S.'s Office

Recruit Indian Gaol Staff in India

INSTALMENT IV.

PRISON DEPARTMENT.

In Hong Kong there is roughly one warder to every four prisoners, and one European warder to every fifteen prisoners. In Shanghai the figures are eleven and one hundred and one respectively, and in Singapore eleven and thirty-two respectively. Hong Kong therefore has proportionately by far the greatest staff, both European and Asiatic, of the three cities. The Superintendent stated that had he a properly laid out gaol he could look after the number of prisoners with practically the same staff. But against this it has to be borne in mind that in Shanghai down to 1928, under infinitely worse conditions than obtained in Hong Kong, the prison staff was far less than it is in Hong Kong, and now with the new gaol in Shanghai, is less still.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 1.—The Superintendent of Prisons has been instructed to visit Shanghai, Singapore and Tientsin to ascertain at first hand how the prisons in those places are administered with an apparently much smaller staff than that of Hong Kong.

2.—The Commissioners have already reported to Government their views on the necessity of building a new gaol,* but they wish once again to stress the important point that the site of the prison should not be on valuable land, nor on land difficult, and therefore expensive, to develop. In view of this Government should approach the Air Ministry as to the possibility of the utilization of the original site at Ngan Shi Wan, where some three lakhs has already been spent in piling. Failing this, the piece of land lying in the next bay to the east should be considered. It is capable of easy development, has a water supply, and would allow of all transport being handled from the sea. It is essential that the Police Training School should be nearby.

* Not reproduced.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 2.—The site for the gaol has been decided upon on the advice of a Committee specially appointed for the purpose. To reopen the question now would only lead to further delay. It is hoped to commence the building next year.

3.—The existing plans of the new prison also need to be thoroughly revised in the light of modern prison construction. The Commissioners were not impressed with the lay out. It must be remembered that it is cheaper both in cost of construction and of staff, besides making for greater efficiency in the control of the prison, to build one tall building, as is done successfully elsewhere, than to build several low ones. Accommodation is made for sixty European warders. As has already been stated, there can be no necessity for this number; doubly so when the Police Training School is alongside. Furthermore, the accommodation such as it is, is not suitable for European warders living in a hot climate. The number of married men at present is twenty-four, and it does not seem reasonable to suppose that a man, wife, and, say, two children, can be put in a two-roomed flat.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 3.—The Director of Public Works and the Superintendent of Prisons have been instructed in accordance with the recommendations contained in this paragraph.

4.—Even allowing for the unsatisfactory lay out and condition of the Victoria and Laichikok prisons the Commissioners are of the opinion that the European warder staff should be reduced by one Principal Warder and nine Warders. The Superintendent stated that this reduction could be effected with some

loss of security, if the number of prisoners in each of the halls at Laichikok were increased from sixty-seven to seventy-four. This should be done. At the same time he requested that he be allowed to engage twenty Indian Guards in place of the ten Europeans. As the initial salary of a Guard is only \$240 per annum the Commissioner agreed to this being done. It will tend to allay the fears of the Superintendent, which, however, the Commissioners are satisfied are unfounded. They fail to see where the loss of security arises, subject to what is said in the next paragraph as to the type of Indian now employed.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 4.—Government approves of the reduction of the European staff by ten. In view of the recent occurrences at Victoria Gaol it has, however, been considered advisable to spread this reduction over a period of two years. It has also been found necessary temporarily to increase the number of Indian warders by ten, in addition to the twenty here recommended. There are fifty Indian warders overdue twelve months or more for leave, and there is no prospect of catching up with the arrears of leave unless these ten men are engaged.

5.—The proportion of Europeans to Indians is far too high. The reason for this, according to the Superintendent, is the fact that the latter are not sufficiently reliable to be put in charge of parties. In Shanghai the Indian gaol staff do this work. It would seem therefore that the Indian warder in Shanghai is better material than he is in Hong Kong. This is most likely due to the method of recruitment. Shanghai recruits its gaol staff in India; Hong Kong engages them locally, which perhaps means that all those Indians who have been dismissed from other employment find their way into the

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Trading on a Meagre Scale.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

The opening this morning was quietly steady, but trading still remains on a meagre scale.

Sales.

Providents (Old), \$4.90.
Providents (New), \$2.30.
Humphreys, \$16.65/17.
Hong Kong Realities, \$11.65.
Ewos, Tls. 14.90.
Hong Kong Electric, \$74 3/4.
Amusements, \$22 1/4.

Buyers.

Union Insurance, \$470.
Benguets, \$13 1/4.
Docks, \$20 1/2.
Providents (Old), \$4.90.
Providents (New), \$2 3/4.
Hotels (Cum. Rights), \$13 3/4.
Hong Kong Realities, \$11 3/4.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Benguet Explorations, 29 cents.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.60.
Hong Kong Tramways, \$21.60.
Star Ferries, \$90 1/2.
Hong Kong Electric, \$74.
Telephones (P.P.), \$24.80.
Lane, Crawford (Old), \$5.30.
Sinceres, \$16 1/4.
Amusements, \$22 1/4.
Constructions (New), \$1.35.
Govt. Loans, 3 1/4 % Premium.

Sellers.

China Lights (Old), \$21 1/4.
South China Enterprises, \$10.

Prisons service. The Hong Kong Police recruit their Indians in India, and obtain a satisfactory type of man. Arrangements should be made for the Prisons Department to recruit there at the same time. It should then be possible largely to replace by Indians European warders, whose numbers will in any case be reduced on the completion of the new gaol.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 5.—The Superintendent of Prisons is making arrangements to recruit his Indian staff in future through the Hong Kong Police direct from India.

6.—At present acting pay is granted to Indian prisons officers if they act in a post higher than their own, even if only for one day. The minimum qualifying period for acting pay should be four months, the same as it is for other Government Departments. The saving effected would not be very great, but it would relieve the Superintendent and the Treasurer of a certain amount of "paper" work.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 6.—This has been adopted, and extended to the European Prison staff.

7.—There do not appear to be adequate reasons for the employment of two European hospital supervisors. One post should be abolished.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 7.—With the opening early next year of the new female prison at Laichikok it will be necessary to station one European hospital supervisor at Laichikok to look after the two prisons there. This will leave one at Victoria Gaol. No reduction can therefore be made.

8.—The Trades Instructors, Chinese, of whom there are three, have not apparently proved a satisfactory experiment. Two of the posts should be abolished.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 8.—The recommendation has been carried out.

9.—If and when a new gaol is built, the Treasurer should be required to consider and advise on the financial aspect of gaol printing. In the Commissioners' view this aspect of the question has never yet been adequately considered by Government. This view, they are of the opinion, is borne out by the so-called financial arguments put forward by Government to Legislative Council on September 23, 1929, (vide Hansard 1929 pages 240-245), in support of the proposal to erect a reinforced concrete printing shop in a prison, which obviously should be shortly torn down. Printing unlike other prison industries requires a European technical supervisory staff (there are five such posts at Victoria Gaol), and expensive machinery.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 9.—The Treasurer to whom the matter was referred is fully satisfied as to the relative cheapness of Gaol printing to printing by a private firm working for profit.

10.—Reduction in the prison population is desirable from many points of view, including that of effecting an economy in the running of the Prison Department. The Commissioners consider that a not inconsiderable reduction could be effected, if the Police were to devote less time than they do at present to the arrest, detention, and charging of offenders of such petty "crimes" as crying out wares in crowded streets (where pandemonium already reigns), and touting for motor cars; provided that a real public nuisance is not being committed. The sentences imposed on such persons are trivial, a few days at most, but whether it be one day or one year, the prisoner has to be entered on the prison records, washed, given a suit of prison clothes, etc., all of which takes up the time of more than one officer. Then again an extension of the system of binding over by Magistrates

in the case of first offenders might also relieve the prison, without leading to any increase in crime. There appears to be no provision in the Magistrates' or any other ordinance to require a person who has been bound over on first conviction to report himself to the police at stated intervals. The insertion of such a provision might incline the Magistrates to use this power of binding over more frequently than they do at present. The two suggestions made in this paragraph should be considered by the Inspector General of Police and the law officers of the Crown concerned. Habitual offenders should be treated as such and either receive longer terms of imprisonment, thus saving the expense and trouble of repeated readmission into gaol, or be banished. Banishment procedure should in any case be accelerated.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 10.—The proportion of prisoners convicted for petty offences is very small; for instance only 1% of the prison population is in gaol for hawking offences, of which there are many kinds. The public would be the first to complain if police action was not taken against the commission of petty offences. The question of binding over first offenders at regular intervals has recently been dealt with by the Juvenile Courts Committee, and is bound up with the question of Probation Officers and a Reformatory. Both these matters are receiving the close attention of Government. Habitual offenders have always been treated as such. Banishment procedure is as expeditious as possible. "Long procedure" is in the interests of the suspect.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The staff of this office has grown enormously within the last ten years. This may to some extent be accounted for by the increased activities of the local Government, resultant on the political awakening of China, and the stream of missions and enquiries sent out by the League of Nations. But even after making full allowance for this, the Commissioners consider that much can and should be effected in the way of retrenchment by re-organization. In spite of its large staff more overtime is worked in this office than probably in any other Government department. Without re-organization therefore no reduction will be possible. It must be re-organization not only of the internal working of the Office but of the division of the work of Government between the Secretariat and the departments.

2.—The fault may be summed up briefly as "over-centralization."

The amount of trivial matters (which cannot be of interest to the Colonial Secretary's Office), that come to it from departments is amazing. Possibly each of them occupies only a minute or two of the time of the Assistant Colonial Secretaries, but on the other hand it means a considerable amount of work for the clerical staff, making up the file, card indexing it, entry into a register every time it comes in or goes out of the office. Multiply this several times, and it will readily be understood why there is such a large clerical staff. There are in addition many matters not of a trivial nature which are dealt with by the Secretariat, but which should really be dealt with in toto by the head of the department concerned. The Commissioners would stress again the point that they made in their report on the Public Works Department that heads of departments all appeared to the Commissioners to be anxious and willing to accept full responsibility for the running of their departments, but the Colonial Secretary's Office apparently will not let them have it.

3.—Having diagnosed the malady it is necessary to prescribe the cure. Firstly, heads of departments should be permitted to incur expenditure on all ordinary items of a uniform kind which have been approved by Legislative Council, without having to obtain prior authority from the Secretariat. The Treasurer always keeps a watchful eye on the spending of money, and notifies heads of departments if he considers that they are exhausting too rapidly or too early in the year any of their departmental votes. To give effect to this recommendation all that will be necessary will be to reduce the number of items excluded from the General Warrant. Power to do this is contained in Colonial Regulation No. 262.

4.—Secondly, all ordinary matters which involve the expenditure of public money should be dealt with direct by the Treasurer and the head of the department concerned.

Only in cases where policy is involved, or where there is a disagreement between the Treasurer and the head of the department, or between heads of departments, should reference be made to the Colonial Secretary's Office. It will be sufficient to enumerate a few of such matters. Rent and house allowances, passages, pensions, indents on and all correspondence with the Crown Agents, etc., etc.

5.—Thirdly, there are other matters in which neither the Secretariat nor the Treasury are concerned. These should be solely within the competence of heads of departments. The personal files of officers who are confined to one department, e.g. policemen, revenue officers, should be kept in the departments, only when some point on which information or a ruling by Government is required should they go to the Secretariat. The leave of such officers should be approved by the head of the department, it being sufficient to forward the name and other particulars concerning the officer, to the Treasurer and to the Secretariat for transmission to the Colonial Office and Crown Agents.

6.—Finally, permits for occupying land should be dealt with by the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys. The setting out of "zones," as advocated in the Commission's report on the Public Works Department should, save in very few instances, do away with the necessity for referring to the Colonial Secretary as to whether a certain lot is available or not for sale.

Government's Comment.

Paragraphs 1-6.—Government accepts the criticism that there has been "over centralization" in the Secretariat. Permits to occupy Crown land, rent allowances, house allowances, dental treatment allowances, indents on the Crown Agents, have been removed from the Colonial Secretary's Office either wholly or to the greatest extent possible. On the other hand it has been found that Colonial Regulations, which are imposed on all Crown Colonies, prevent decentralization in such matters as the appointment of officers, unless they are non-pensionable, i.e., in receipt of a salary of \$300 or less per annum.

7.—With the Secretariat and the business of Government organised in accordance with the recommendations made above it will not be necessary to have such a large staff. The Commissioners are of opinion that three Assistants, one Cadet of considerable seniority, one of about ten years' service and one junior to Cadet should be adequate. To facilitate the work the Chief Clerk should in future be recruited from the Registry of the Colonial Office. The division of work amongst the Assistants should be between (a) matters which are municipal in nature, and (b) those which are governmental or political in nature. In the clerical staff, Senior and Junior, a reduction of twenty per cent. should be made.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 7.—Government considers three Cadet Officers in addition to the Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary to be the minimum requirement. The staff is based on a full day's work for each officer under normal conditions, and unfortunately overtime is the rule rather than the exception. The Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff and Junior Clerical Service have already been dealt with. It is interesting, however, to note that a 20% reduction on these heads is recommended, though in the opening paragraph it is stated that more overtime is worked in this office than probably in any other Government department. A few years ago, as a result of persistent sickness in the Colonial Secretary's Office staff, an office rule had to be made, that no clerk, with the exception of a few, who took it in turns, to attend to the receiving and despatching of documents and other essential business, should remain in the office after 6 p.m.

CADET SERVICE.

The number of Senior posts in the Cadet Service was recently increased from five to seven. The Commissioners recommend, as they did regarding the posts of Senior Masters and Senior Mistresses in the Education Department, that these posts be not automatically filled on a vacancy occurring, but only when an officer sufficiently qualified and efficient to be deserving of such promotion is available. These promotions should be made strictly on merit and not seniority.

Government's Comment.

Government concurs in this recommendation, which is in accordance with its policy.

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COLUMBIA

NEW PEDESTAL MODEL.

(CHROMIUM PLATED FITTINGS)

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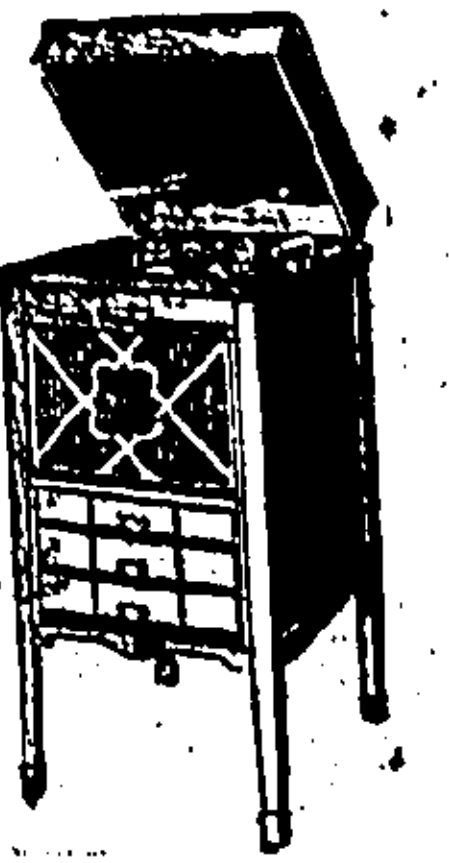
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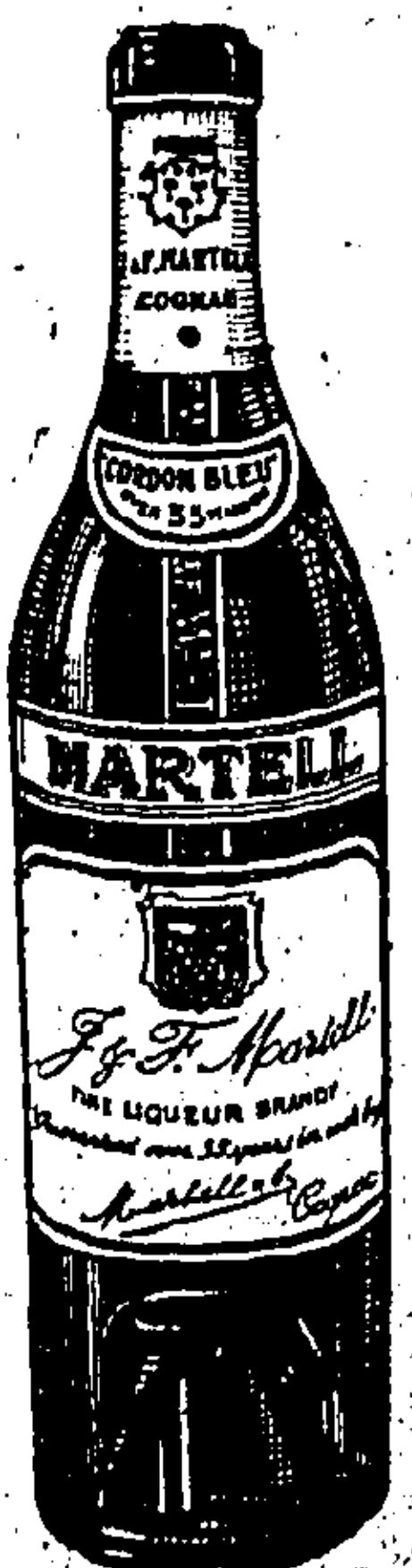
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THE HONG KONG & YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.
Hong Kong, 11th April, 1932.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

Second Extra Race Meeting.
(Postponed from 3rd April, 1932).
By courtesy of the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt & Race Club, the above Race Meeting will be held at the Kwanti Race Course on

Sunday, the 17th April, 1932.
First Saddling Ball at 1.45 p.m.
First Race at 2.15 p.m.

Admission to Members' Enclosure will be limited to Members of this Club and Fanling Hunt & Race Club who must wear their Badges.

Non-Members will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure upon payment of \$5 per badge.

Tickets for admission to the Public Enclosure \$1 each.
Each Member is entitled to 2 Ladies' Tickets free on application to the Secretary.

Special Train services. Leaving Kowloon at 1.05 p.m. and returning from Fanling at 5.58 p.m. \$2 fare including admittance charge to the Race Course.

By Order,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 13th April, 1932.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Hong Kong, 13th April, 1932.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and **ENTRY FORMS** for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on **SATURDAY, 23rd April, 1932** (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Village Road.

ENTRIES close at 12 o'clock Noon on **THURSDAY, 14th April, 1932.**

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 11th April, 1932.

COMPANY MEETINGS

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Seventh Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on **TUESDAY, the 19th April, 1932, at 11.30 a.m.** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, April 13, to Tuesday, April 19, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, April 7, 1932.

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GENERAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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W. A. HANNIBAL & CO.
Hong Kong, 5th April, 1932.

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	1/3 3/4
Bank, wire	1/3 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/3 3/4
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/3 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/3 3/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/4
On Paris—	585
On demand	585
Credits, 4 months' sight	640
On Berlin—	Nom.
On demand	Nom.
On New York—	23 1/2
On demand	23 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	24 1/2
On Bombay—	81
On demand	81
On Calcutta—	81
On demand	81
On Singapore—	62 1/2
On demand	62 1/2
On Manila—	46 1/4
On demand	46 1/4
On Shanghai—	77 1/4
On demand	77 1/4
Dollar	3 3/4 % dis.
On Yokohama—	69 1/4
On demand	69 1/4
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/3 3/4
Silver (per oz.)	16 1/8
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nom.
Copper Cash	Nom.
Copper Cents	1 1/2 prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/4 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	29 1/4 dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Far.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	96 1/4
New York	3.80
Montreal	4.20 1/2
Brussels	27.10
Geneva	19.50
Amsterdam	9.37 1/2
Milan	74
Berlin	16
Stockholm	19.45
Copenhagen	18 5/16
Oslo	19 1/2
Vienna	32 nom.
Prague	128 1/4
Helsingfors	215
Madrid	50
Lisbon	109 3/4
Athens	300
Bucharest	632 1/2
Rio	4 3/32
Buenos Aires	36 1/2
Montevideo	29 nom.
Bombay	1/8 1/32
Shanghai	1/8 1/16
Yokohama	1/9
Hong Kong	1/3
Silver Spot	16 3/16
Silver Forward	16 1/2
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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

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NEXT SETTLEMENT DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1932.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sales	Num.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Feb. 23, 32
(Lan. Reg.)	103	103	103	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Apr. 1, 32
Chartered Bank	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Apr. 1, 32
Mercantile Bk., A&B.	181	181	181	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Sep. 8, 32
C.	71	71	71	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 2, 32
Bank of Asia	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 2, 32
Amer. O. Fin. Corp.	20	20	20	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 2, 32
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1250	1250	1250	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	May 19, 32
Union Ins.	170	170	170	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	May 29, 32
China Underwriters	4	4	4	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	May 29, 32
China Fire Ins.	600	600	600	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	May 29, 32
H. K. Fire Ins.	1195	1195	1195	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	May 29, 32
International Assce. Tls.	1	1	1	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 30, 32
Shipping.						
Douglas	35	35	35	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	June 19, 32
H. K. Steamships	33	33	33	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	June 19, 32
Indo-China (Pref.)	15	15	15	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	June 19, 32
(Def.)	32	32	32	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	June 19, 32
Shells Bearer	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	July 6, 32
Union Waterboats	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 30, 32
Mining.						
Benguet	151	151	151	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Kailan Mining Ad.	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Dec. 31, 32
Langkat (Single)	1	1	1	Oct.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Dec. 31, 32
Shai Exploration	210	210	210	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Dec. 31, 32
Loans	3	3	3	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Dec. 31, 32
Rauha	38	38	38	Mar.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Venezuela Gold Fields	1	1	1	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
H. K. & W. Docks	301	301	301	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
South Ch. Motors (A)	10	10	10	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
(B)	12	12	12	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
China Provident (old)	4.90	4.90	4.90	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
(new)	2.30	2.30	2.30	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Hongkong	200	200	200	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
N. Engineering	51	51	51	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Shanghai Docks	88	88	88	Apr.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)	181	181	181	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
(Right)	260	260	260	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
H.K. Lands	78	78	78	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Shanghai Lands	25	25	25	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Metropolitan Lands Tls.	10	10	10	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Humphreys	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	Sep.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
H. K. Raffles	111	111	111	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Asia Realms "A"	145	145	145	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
"B"	150	150	150	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Chinco Estate	85	85	85	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Benguet Explorations	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	14.90	14.90	14.90	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Shanghai Cotton	75	75	75	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Zoong Sing	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	21.50	21.50	21.50	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Peak Tram (old)	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	Apr.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
(new)	8	8	8	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Star Ferry	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Yaumatei Ferry	37	37	37	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
China Light (old)	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	Sep.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
(new)	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
H. K. Electric	74	74	74	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Macao	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Sandakan Light	13	13	13	June	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
H.K. Tel. fully paid	41	41	41	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
part paid	24.50	24.50	24.50	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
China Buci	15	15	15	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	Sept.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
(Pref.)	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	Sept.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Industrials.						
Malayan Sugars	31	31	31	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Cald. Mag. Ord.	104	104	104	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Pref. Tls.	51	51	51	July	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Canton Ice	18.40	18.40	18.40	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Cements (Ord.)	23.25	23.25	23.25	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
(new)	6.45	6.45	6.45	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
H. K. Rops	15	15	15	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
China Agriculture	102	102	102	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm	29.60	29.60	29.60	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Watsons	16	16	16	Oct.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
(Right)	81	81	81	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Der A. Wang	1	1	1	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Lane Crawford	5.80	5.80	5.80	Feb.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Ind. Oil (new)	15	15	15	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Macintyre	19	19	19	Feb.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Sinacore	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	Feb.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Wm. Powell	3.65	3.65	3.65	Feb.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	Mar.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Ch. Entertainment	14.90	14.90	14.90	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
S. C. Enterprises	10	10	10	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
United Trusts	6	6	6	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Macao "Greyhound"	10	10	10	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Constructions (Ord.)	32	32	32	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
(new)	1.90	1.90	1.90	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
Ind. Oil (new)	15	15	15	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32
H.K. Corp. Loans	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	Dec.	Final Dividend 1931-32 (H.K. \$1.00) making 40 for 1931-32	Mar. 31, 32



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SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports and Honolulu.		
TAIYO MARU	Tuesday	18th April.
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SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.		
HEIAN MARU	Tuesday	26th April.
HIKAWA MARU	Tuesday	24th May.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.		
YASUKUNI MARU	Friday	15th April.
HAKONE MARU	Saturday	30th April.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Porto.		
KAMO MARU	Saturday	23rd April.
KITANO MARU	Saturday	28th May.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
CALCUTTA MARU	Friday	29th April.
IYO MARU	Wednesday	11th May.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.		
GINYO MARU	Tuesday	19th April.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.		
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Peraeus, Genoa, & Valencia.	Thursday	14th April.
LIMA MARU	Thursday	14th April.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Friday	15th April.
MORIOKA MARU	Friday	29th April.
MURORAN MARU	Friday	29th April.
Kobe & YOKOHAMA.		
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday	16th April.
RANGOON MARU (calls Moji)	Monday	18th April.
KITANO MARU (calls Nagasaki)	Friday	22nd April.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Fuzhou & Capetown.	Rio de Janeiro Maru	Sat.	23rd Apr.
MOMBA SA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	Manila Maru	Fri.	7th May
MELBOURNE via Brisbane & Sydney	Melbourne Maru	Wed.	5th May
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Sumatra Maru	Thurs.	21st Apr.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	London Maru	Sat.	7th May
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kwansai Maru	Sat.	23rd Apr.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Bombay Deli & Colombo.	Borneo Maru	Tues.	19th Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Havana Maru	Wed.	20th Apr.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru	Sun.	17th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.	Canton Maru	Sun.	24th Apr.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Noon).	Deli Maru	Thurs.	21st Apr.

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SAILING DATES FOR APRIL, 1932 (Subject to Change).
DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
TAI HING	WED. 13th	FRI. 15th	SAT. 16th	SUN. 17th
TAI MING	FRI. 15th	SUN. 17th	MON. 18th	TUES. 19th
TAI HING	MON. 18th	WED. 20th	THURS. 21st	FRI. 22nd
TAI MING	WED. 20th	FRI. 22nd	SAT. 23rd	SUN. 24th
TAI HING	SAT. 23rd	MON. 25th	TUES. 26th	WED. 27th
TAI MING	MON. 25th	WED. 27th	THURS. 28th	FRI. 29th
TAI HING	THURS. 28th	SAT. 30th	SUN. 1st	MON. 2nd
TAI MING	SAT. 30th	MON. 2nd	TUES. 3rd	WED. 4th

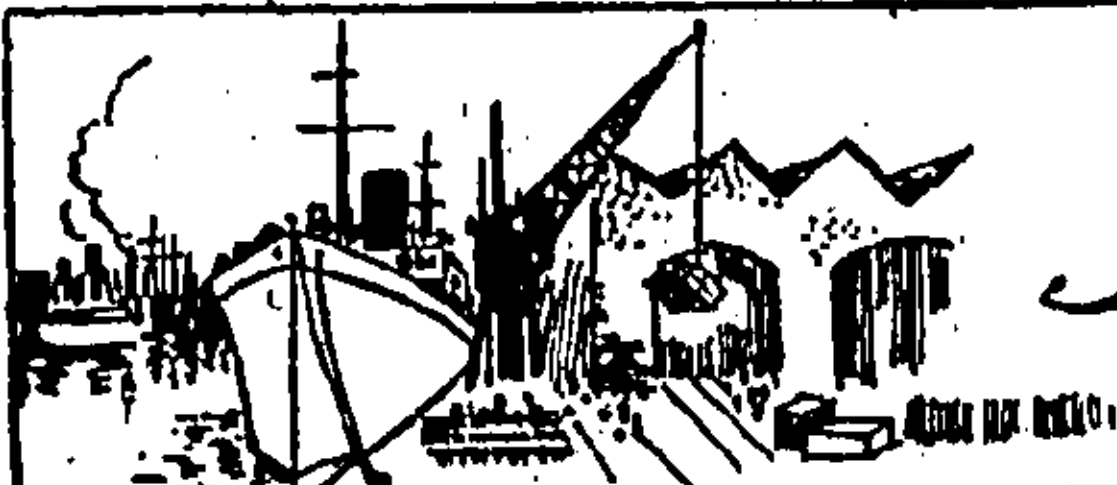
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The Empress of Japan left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Honolulu, Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 9, and is due at Hong Kong on April 29. She will leave the same evening for Manila.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo ex a.s. Ben-runes are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 14.



Shipping Intelligence.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS

Sunday, April 10.
Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. W. Tonkin, from Canton, Taikoo Dock—B. & S.
Phasianella, British str., 393 tons, Capt. J. Y. Lee, from Takao, North Point—A.P.C.
Solville, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norvalls, from Hoihow, buoy No. C4.—Kwong Nam & Co.
Tjibadak, Dutch str., 4,801 tons, Capt. J. Crosthwaite, from Amoy, Stonecutters Anchorage—J.C.J.L.
Monday, April 11.
Alaska Maru, Japanese str., 4,553 tons, Capt. I. Kawasaki, from Shanghai, buoy No. A5.—O.S.K.
Helikon, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, buoy No. B17.—Wo Fat Sing.
Kittawa, British str., 702 tons, Capt. J. Crosthwaite, from Canton, Cheun Wan.—Texas & Co.
Lycaon, British str., 4,821 tons, Capt. R. Scott, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Nankwa Maru, Japanese str., 2,550 tons, Capt. S. Iwaki, from Port Redon, Kowloon Wharf.—Y. Sato & Co.
President Hoover, American str., 12,986 tons, Capt. F. E. Anderson, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.
Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. Gjertsen, from Saigon, buoy No. B8.—Nam Tai Loong.
Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. J. K. Clark, from Canton, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.
Tokwa Maru, Japanese str., 4,281 tons, Capt. H. Itani, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Chong Lee, Chinese str., 1,221 tons, Capt. R. Nakagawa, from Chefoo, buoy No. C4.—Loong Tai Hong.
Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Captain J. H. Hodgkiss, from Swatow, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.
Nasusan Maru, Japanese str., 2,593 tons, Captain K. Takiyu, from Milke, buoy No. B23.—M.B.K.
Patroclus, British str., 6,910 tons, Capt. W. Maclure, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—B. & S.
Rantau Pandjang, Dutch str., 1,501 tons, Capt. J. Weber, from Sandakan, buoy No. A4.—J.C.J.L.
Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Leung Pat, from K.C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.
Unita, Norwegian str., 2,345 tons, Capt. T. Messel, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. B26.—Dodwell & Co.
Tuesday, April 12.
Change, British str., 2,579 tons, Captain F. C. Grambrill, from Manila, buoy No. A6.—B. & S.
Chungkong, Chinese str., 447 tons, Capt. Kwok Shui, from Tourane, buoy No. B12.—Yau Lee & Co.
Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Captain O. Klette, from Chinwangtao, Laichikok Anchorage.—Dodwell & Co.

CLEARANCES.

Monday, April 11.
Alaska Maru, for Singapore.
Hallador, for Saigon.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Friesland, for Yokohama.
Tjipanas, for Saigon.
Yatsing, for Canton.
Tuesday, April 12.
City of Derby, for Takao.
General Metzinger, for Saigon.
Gladius, for Hilo.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bridgewater—East wall.
Bruce—No. 8 buoy.
Cicala—North wall.
Cumberland—North arm.
Folkestone—East wall.
Hermes—West wall.
Kappal—No. 7 buoy.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway and submarines—No. 2 buoy.
Orpheus—East wall.
Seamew—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Taranula—East wall.
Veteran—South wall.
Vindictive—No. 2 buoy.
Whitehall—In dock.
Whitshed—North arm.
Wild Swan—No. 13 buoy.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French river gunboat.
Chiang Ku—Chinese gunboat.
Helena—American gunboat.
On Pak—Chinese gunboat.
Pecos—American fuel ship.

Halvard, for Saigon.
Kwangtung, for Canton.
Phasianella, for Canton.
Porthos, for Shanghai.
President Hoover, for Shanghai.
Shantung, for Swatow.
Suisang, for Singapore.
Tjibadak, for Sourabaya.
Tokwa Maru, for Singapore.
Tonkin, for K.C. Wan.
Unita, for Canton.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, March 24)Gange
THURSDAY, APRIL 14.
Japan and ShanghaiYasukuni Maru
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., March 26)Empress of Russia
FRIDAY, APRIL 15.
ManilaPresident Cleveland
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, March 17)Hong Hwa
SATURDAY, APRIL 16.
Japan and ShanghaiAsama Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13.
Bangkok 3.30 p.m.
Amoy 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via BrindisiGange
(Due Brindisi, May 5.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.
Registration ..Apr. 13, 3 p.m. Registration ..Apr. 13, 3.45 p.m.
Letters4 p.m. Letters4.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow4 p.m. Tai Hing4 p.m.
Fort Bayard5 p.m. Sun Kong5 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 14.
Fort Bayard11.30 a.m.
Amoy 1.30 p.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow 2 p.m.
Hydrangea 8 p.m.
Straits and CalcuttaTalamba
ParcelsApr. 14, 4 p.m.
Letters5 p.m.
Empress of Russia5 p.m.
ManilaEmpress of Russia5 p.m.

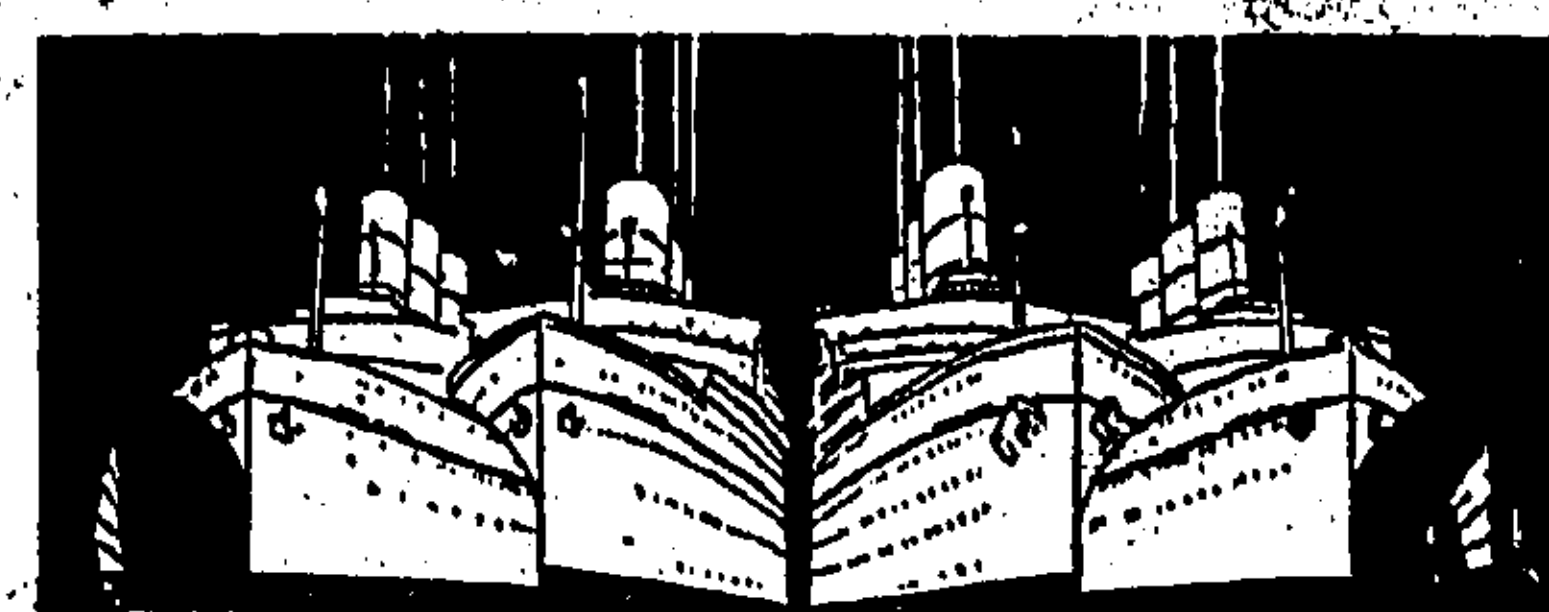
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May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15
May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27
May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8
June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20
June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2
July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
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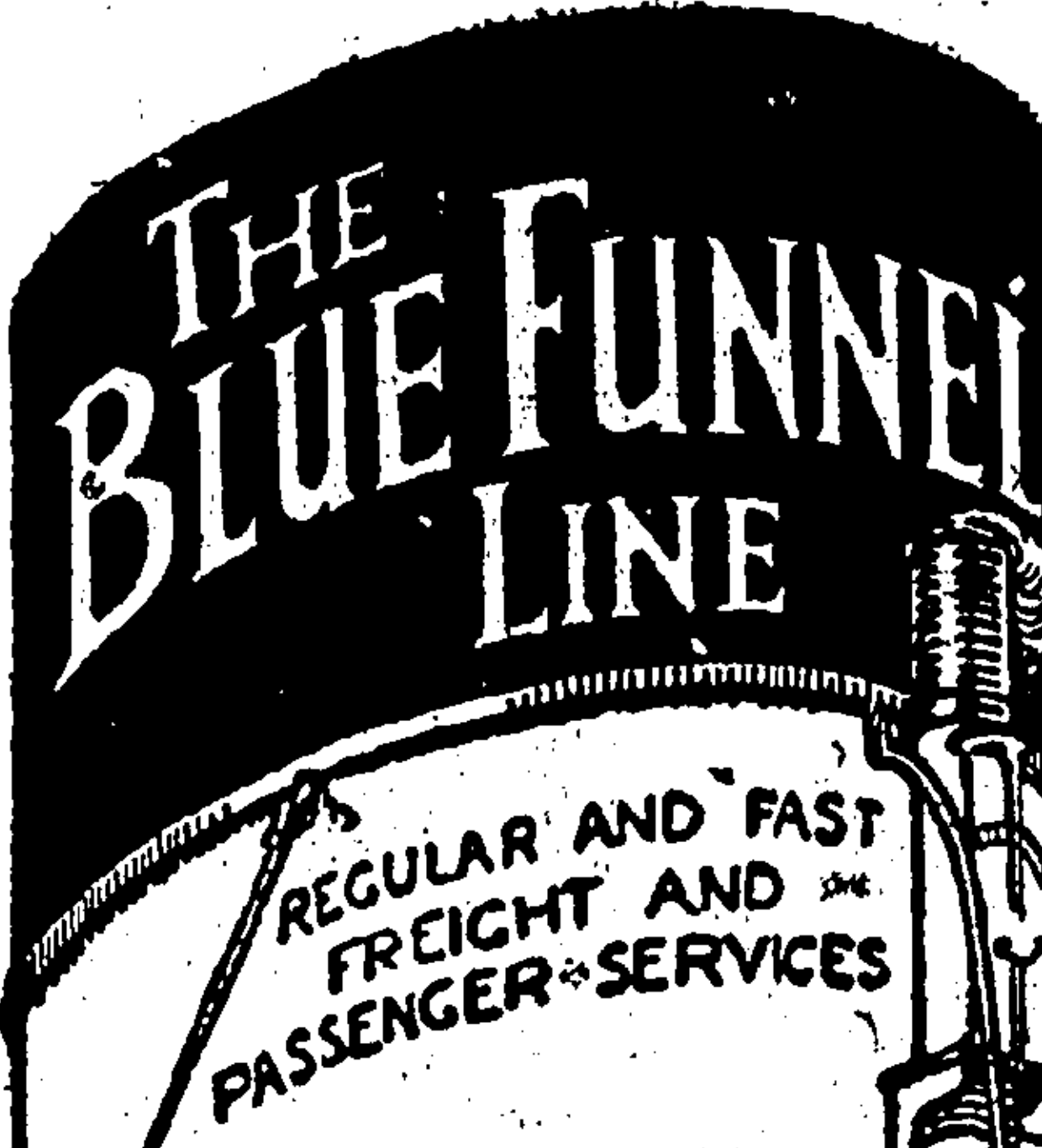
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Empress of Russia
THURSDAY, APRIL 14

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STEAMER	Dep. Hong Kong	Leave Hong Kong	Leave Manila	Dep. Sydney
CHANGTAE	Apr. 12	Apr. 13	Apr. 14	May 1
TAIPING	May 10	May 11	May 12	June 1
CHANGTAE	June 10	June 11	June 12	July 1
TAIPING	July 10	July 11	July 12	Aug. 1

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RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOMALI	6,800	14th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London, Harro, H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,500	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London, Havre, H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	18,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KATIAH-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BHUTAN	6,000	9th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London, Harro, H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	6,800	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London, Havre, H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	27th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
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CHITRAL	15,000	21st Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	8,000	22nd Apr.	
*KIDDERPORE	5,800	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	6,500	30th Apr.	
RANCHI	17,000	5th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	6th May	
TANDA	7,000	12th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	19th May	
NALDERA	18,000	19th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BHUTAN	6,000	29th May	
SANTHA	9,000	2nd June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KATIAH-HIND	12,000	9th June	
NANKIN	7,000	16th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th June	
*SOUDAN	6,800	28th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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A dock was built at Stanlow in 1922 on an isolated site on the northern or Mersey-estuary side of the Canal; this dock is 600 ft. long, 100 ft. wide, and 30 ft. deep. The installations of the oil companies, which have a total storage capacity of about 70,000,000 gallons, are grouped on the south bank of the Canal, and oil tankers lying at the dock are discharged by means of pipes running in a subway beneath the Canal. A pipe manifold on the south bank delivers the spirit to individual installations. The second dock, which, as already stated, has been rendered necessary by the growth of the oil traffic, lies alongside the original dock, at an oblique angle to the lines of the Canal. Work was commenced in the Spring of 1931 and the construction of the new dock is progressing rapidly. It will be 650 ft. long, 180 ft. wide and 30 ft. deep, and will accommodate two large oil tankers.

The original dock embodies many fire-precaution devices, including a boom which encloses the dock while the vessels within are being discharged, preventing the escape of oil. Similar measures are being adopted for the new works. Furthermore, the widened entrance, serving both docks, will form a turning basin for the increasing number of vessels using this section of the Canal.

Another work put in hand by the Canal authorities during 1931 is a new wharf and lay-by at Irlam. This is to provide waterside facilities for the works of the Lancashire Steel Corporation, and it is being equipped with railway connections and with modern appliances for the rapid handling of iron ore. The length of the wharf is 600 ft. and the depth of water alongside 28 ft. Among other development and maintenance works carried out during 1931, may be mentioned the replacement of a timber railway bridge at Boyshope by a reinforced-concrete structure, the construction of a new slipway at Runcorn for the repair of lock gates, and the reconditioning of the railway swing bridge at Manchester Docks.—Engineering.

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MARINERS NOTE!

Yangtze River Entrance.

LIGHT VESSEL.

The following notice, dated April 1, has been issued by the Maritime Customs, Shanghai.

Notice is hereby given that on or about May 12, 1932, and without further notice, an unattended light-vessel designated "Yangtze Entrance" will be moored in the South Channel Entrance to the Yangtze River in a position from which Gutzlaff Lighthouse will bear 202°, distant 9.62 miles.

The light-vessel has a red hull with "Yangtze Entrance" on her sides. Above the deck is a central iron column surmounted by a lantern, and at the after end of the vessel a fog bell supported on an iron trestle structure.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric, of the fourth order, having a characteristic of 3 seconds light and 7 seconds dark interval.

The height of the centre of the light above the water-level is 30 feet and the light will be visible in clear weather for a distance of 11 nautical miles.

The fog bell is rung by clappers whose action is dependent on the motion of the ship by the sea.

All bearings are true and measured clockwise from 000° (north) to 359°.

Chart affected: Chinese Admiralty Chart No. 1011.

Caution.
Mariners are warned that, as the light-vessel is unattended, no anchor light is exhibited.

PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

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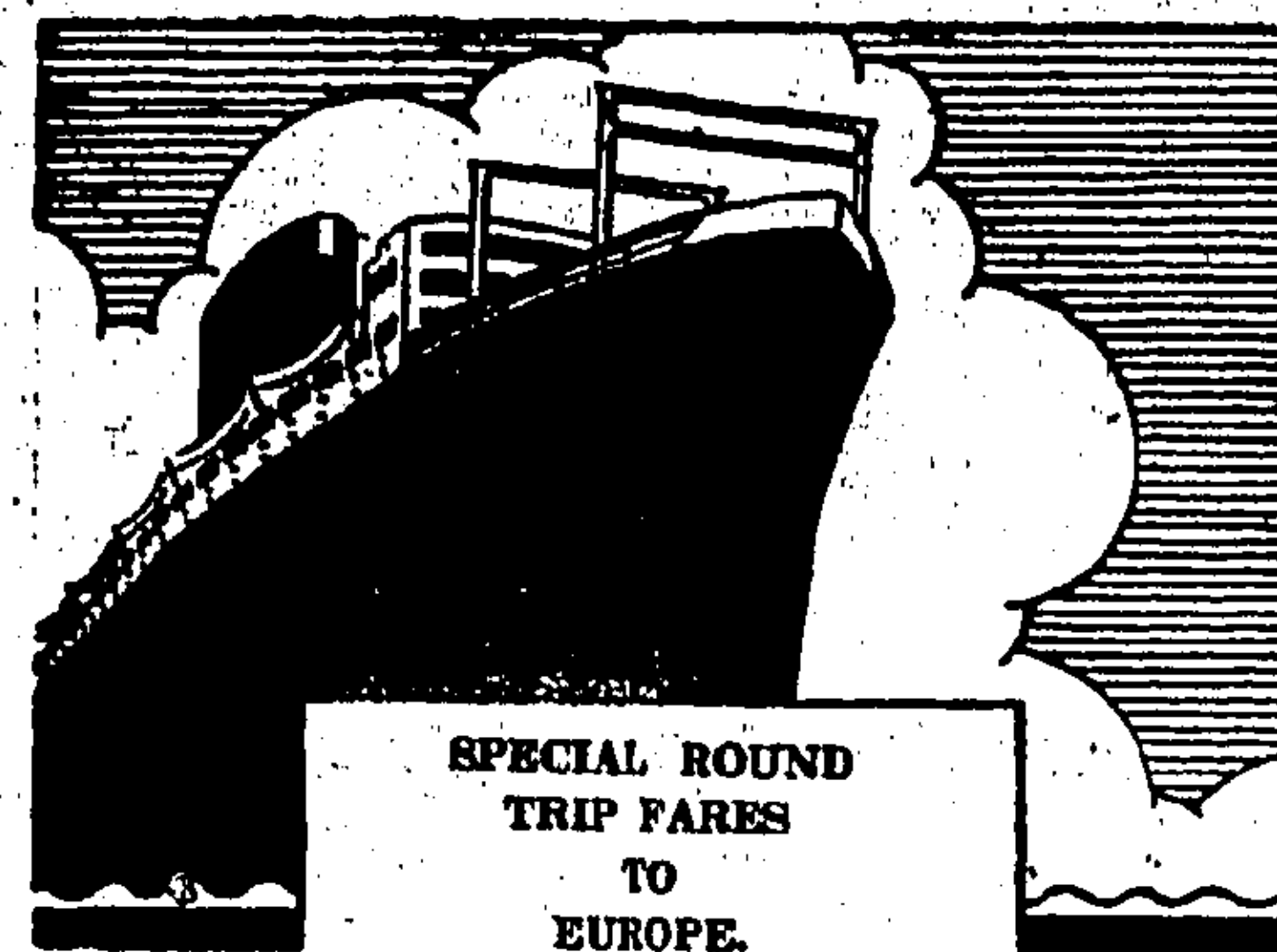
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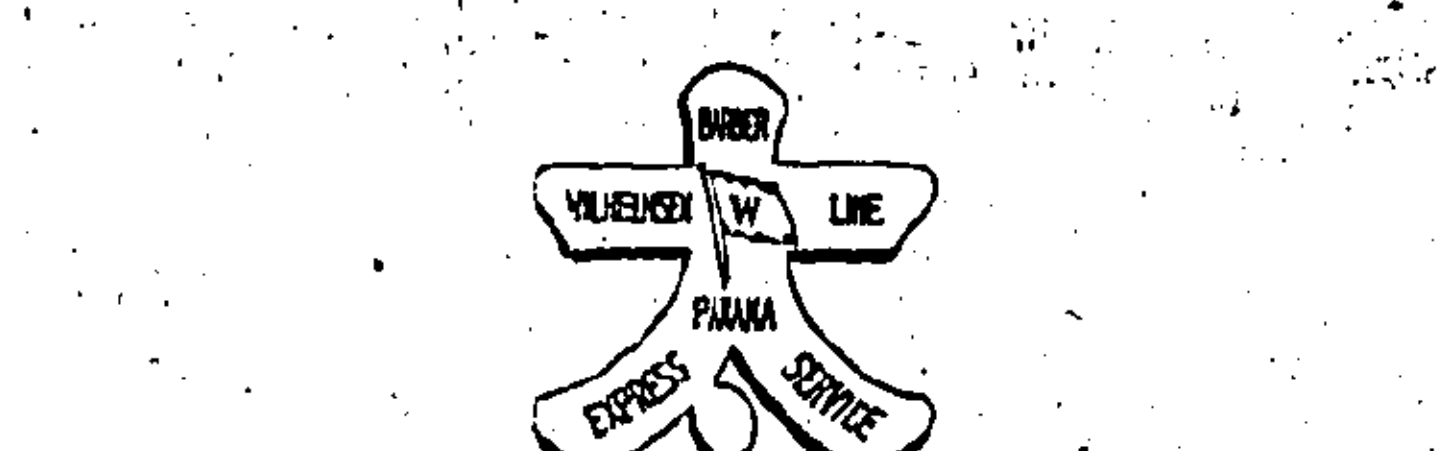
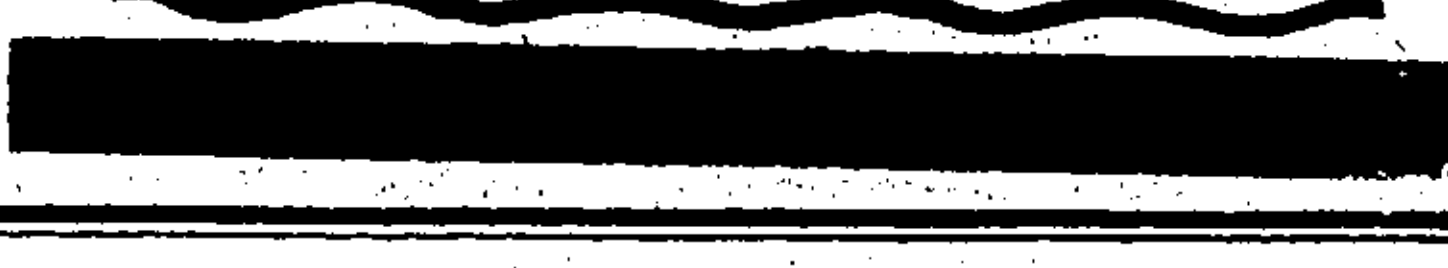
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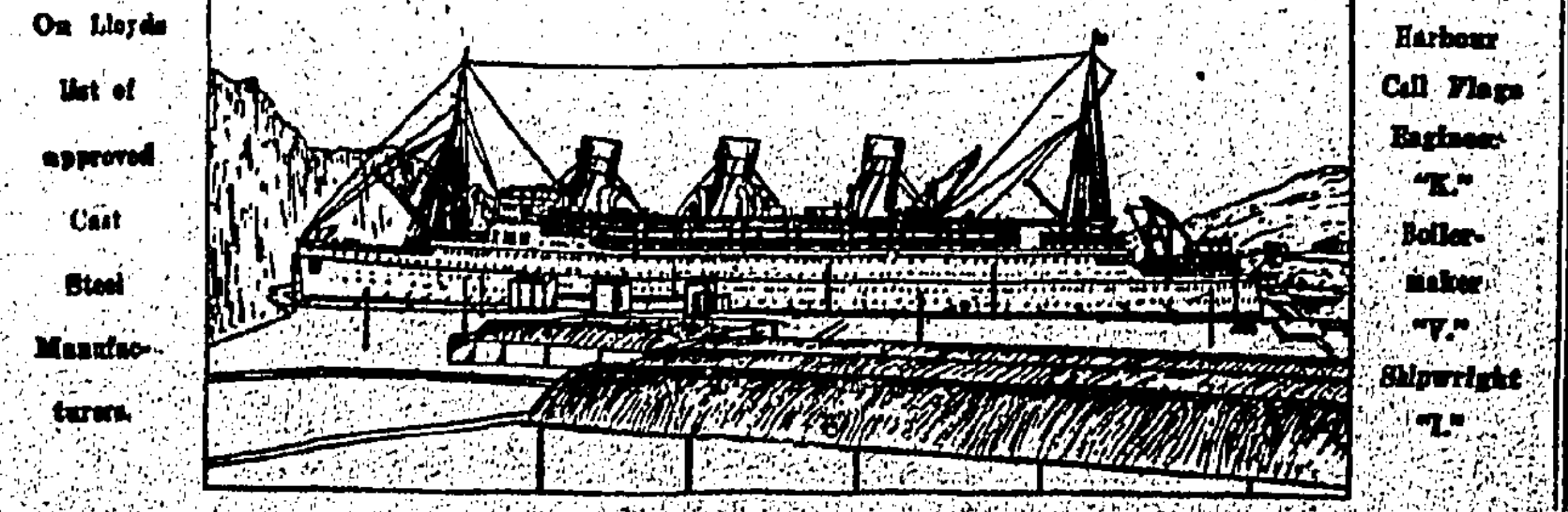
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Date High Water Low Water Standard Ht. Standard Ht. Times Times.

Apr. 12 01.40 04.04 08.31

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Apr. 24 16.45 04.31 08.03

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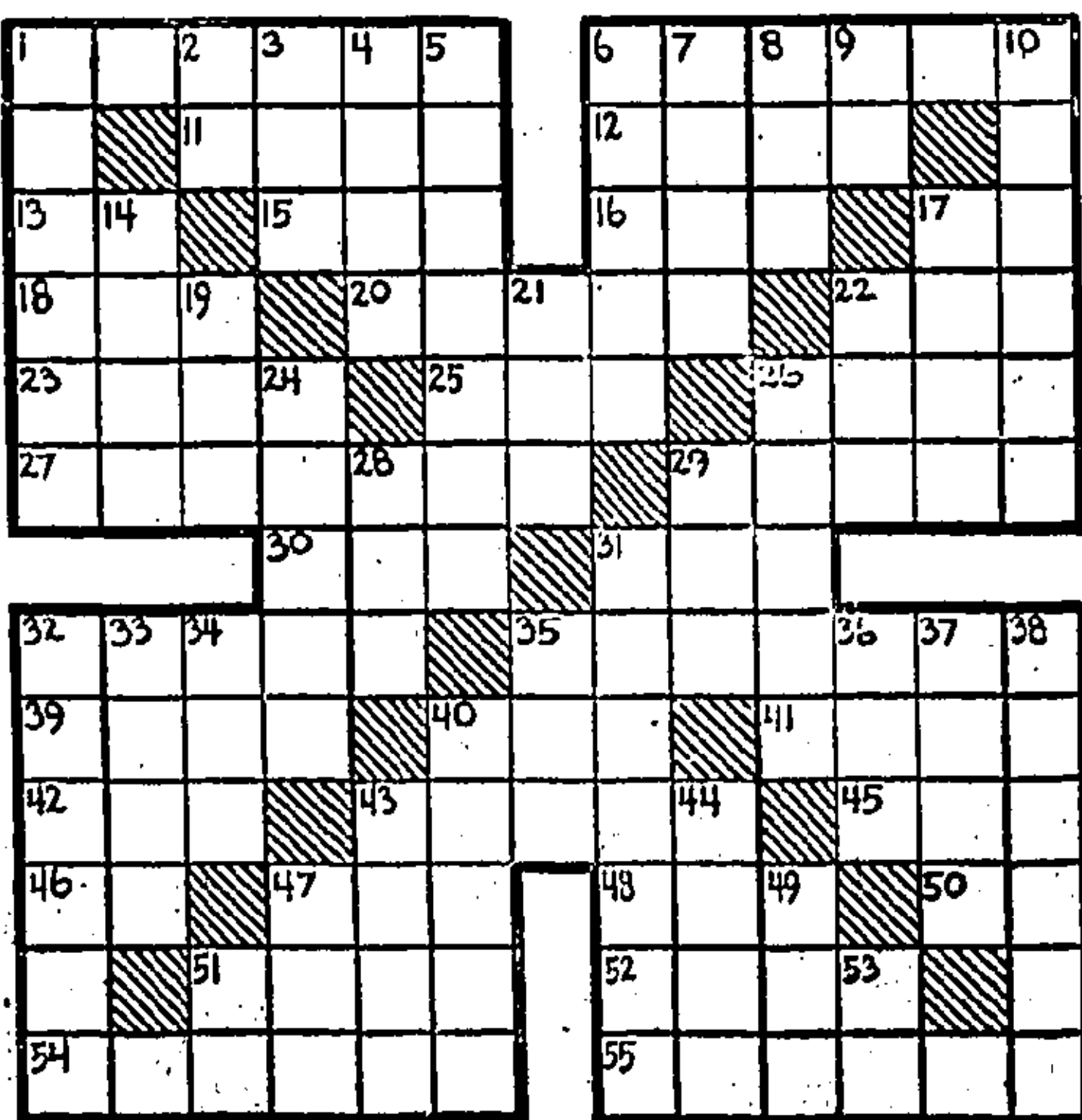


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-To handle clumsily | 41-Satisfy | 10-Fur-bearing animal |
| 6-Element discovered by Curie | 42-Astute | 14-Slide |
| 11-Restrain | 43-A leaf of a flower | 17-One time |
| 12-Ireland (Poet.) | 44-A small report | 19-Girl's name |
| 13-Because | 45-Royal Navy (abbr.) | 21-Insane |
| 15-Powerful explosive (abbr.) | 47-Wing-like part | 22-Trouble |
| 16-A marsh | 48-Three (Roman) | 24-Native of Africa |
| 17-Conjunction | 49-A continent (abbr.) | 26-Tears |
| 18-Town on Danube river, Germany | 51-Official name of Persia | 28-Boy's name (short) |
| 20-Eras | 52-Empire of Rome | 31-Stops |
| 22-An insect | 53-Concur | 32-City of Greece |
| 23-Pennine name | 55-Move in a stealthy manner | 33-Natal money |
| 25-A vehicle | | 34-Aged |
| 26-Chinese vegetable | VERTICAL | 35-Obtain |
| 27-Moved rapidly | 1-Swindle | 36-Lick up |
| 28-Girl's name | 2-A title (abbr.) | 37-English school |
| 30-Auto fuel | 3-A wagger | 38-Refunds |
| 31-Lair | 4-The soft down of a raven | 40-Indicted |
| 32-Discain | 5-Allure | 42-Design |
| 33-More tender | 6-Allude | 44-A legal claim on property |
| 35-Game played on a board | 7-Greek god of war | 47-Metric land measure |
| 40-A slide | 8-Drive | 48-Anger |
| | 9-Info | 51-Dispute |
| | | 52-On account (abbr.) |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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Retrenchment Commission's Recommendations

(Continued from Page 7.)

SENIOR CLERICAL AND ACCOUNTING STAFF.

The Commissioners recommend that there be a reduction of twenty per cent. in the various approved classes on the Establishment. This figure has already been recommended for the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff of the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 1.—Apart from the recommendation in this section of the Report for a general reduction of 20%, the following specific reductions have been recommended under the different departments:—

Harbour Office — Four officers or 67% of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff in the department.

Supreme Court — Two officers or 67%.

Police Department — One officer or 12.5%.

Colonial Secretary's Office and Public Works Department 20% each.

For the following departments it has been recommended that no reductions at all be made:—

Attorney General; Crown Solicitor; Land Officer; Magistrates; Treasury; Post Office; Imports and Exports Office; Medical and Sanitary.

Taken together these specific recommendations work out at 18%. Detailed enquiry has been made into the work done by each individual member of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff. As a result a reduction of 15% has been made. Government is satisfied that to go beyond this would seriously jeopardise the working of departmental machinery. As it is, it has only been possible to attain this figure by a number of officers, who are due for home leave, not applying for it, or being delayed twelve months or more.

2.—Sufficient attention does not appear to have been paid to the recruitment of this staff, which leaves much to be desired, as is evidenced by the recent dismissal of two officers from it. Unless men are already thoroughly trained in clerical or accounting work and of good character they should not be engaged locally. There may be an apparent saving in the cost of passage out from England in the first instance, but this is more than offset by the extra expense which naturally falls on Government when it employs inefficient officers. Recruitment should be through the Crown Agents, who have years of experience and who have a far wider field of selection, than has the local Government. In making the foregoing recommendation the Commissioners appreciate the fact that there are some very efficient officers in the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff who have been engaged locally.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 2.—At the time the Retrenchment Commission was sitting two locally appointed officers were dismissed; this evidently influenced the Commissioners when they were writing their report. Government is well satisfied with the results it has obtained from locally recruited European clerical staff, particularly has this been the case with the Probationer class, — young men of under 20 years of age, — many of them sons of Government servants. Moreover, it is an exceedingly cheap method of recruitment. A thoroughly trained man will not come out from England except at a comparatively high salary; in addition to which there is, as the Commissioners remark, the cost of his passage or passages (if he is married), and if he is unsatisfactory return passages home

have to be provided. In the case of the two locally appointed officers who were dismissed, Government had no such liability.

3.—It should be possible to effect an economy in Stenographers by employing one officer half time in two different departments. It is in the largest departments that there is sufficient work to keep a stenographer continuously occupied. Stenographers should only be allowed to departments where it is shown that a Chinese typist would not be competent or suitable for the work required.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 3.—The number of stenographers has been reduced to eleven, which includes a special new post in the Police Department which has recently been created. Leaving this out of account, there is an actual reduction of six out of sixteen posts.

The question of sharing stenographers by departments has been considered, but it is only practicable to a very limited extent.

The possibility of employing Chinese lady stenographers is still being explored.

JUNIOR CLERICAL SERVICE.

A reduction of twenty per cent. should be made in the approved establishments of the different classes. A reduction to this extent has already been recommended in the case of the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Government's Comment.
A bald recommendation for a 20% reduction, without any indication as to where or how the reduction is to be made, is not very helpful. The only indication that has been given is that no reductions at all are to be made in certain departments. The Imports and Exports Department (including the Statistical Branch) with more than eighty clerks is one of these. If there is to be no cut in a department with such a large clerical staff, a far larger cut than 20% will have to be obtained. The Commissioners apparently did not examine the heads of departments, who gave evidence before them, as to how their respective clerical staffs were employed.

The Subordinate Staff Board composed of the Treasurer, Post Master General, Head of the Sanitary Department and the Second Assistant Colonial Secretary went into this question most carefully, department by department, and officer by officer. They have only recently concluded their enquiries, and as a result a saving of only thirteen posts has been found to be possible.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

The present staff of the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway could with slight augmentation probably run the whole of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, both British and Chinese sections. On the other hand, the comparatively small British section could not in the opinion of the Commissioners be run with a smaller staff. Whatever the length of the line, it is necessary to have at least one of various kinds of railway officials and engineers.

2.—Nevertheless there are two economies which the Commissioners recommend, and which they consider will at the same time lead to great efficiency. The first concerns the post of Manager. This is combined with the post of Engineer of Ways and Works. It would be a better arrangement if the post of Manager were combined with that of Traffic Manager, and a separate Engineer of Ways and Works appointed, (an

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Breast	牛尾	lb.	32	20
Soup	牛尾	lb.	28	20
Steak	牛尾	lb.	34	24
Steak Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	36	20
Sauages	牛尾	lb.	36	20
Bullock's Brains	牛尾	per set	17	10
Tongue, fresh	牛尾	each	80	50
Tongue, corned	牛尾	each	1.00	60
Head	牛尾	lb.	1.50	—
Heart	牛尾	lb.	24	18
Hump, Salt	牛尾	lb.	—	30
Feet	牛尾	each	12	10
Kidneys	牛尾	each	15	10
Tail	牛尾	lb.	27	20
Liver	牛尾	lb.	26	18
Tripe	牛尾	lb.	8	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛尾	set	\$1.50	\$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊尾	lb.	60	23
Leg	羊尾	lb.	60	23
Shoulder	羊尾	lb.	60	24
Saddle	羊尾	lb.	60	—
Pig's Chitlings	猪尾	Per set	4	—
Brains	猪尾	each	16	15
Feet	猪尾	each	30	15
Fry	猪尾	each	20	20
Heart	猪尾	each	18	10
Kidneys	猪尾	each	15	10
Liver	猪尾	lb.	58	20
Pork Chop	猪尾	lb.	38	25
Leg	猪尾	lb.	40	—
Loin	猪尾	lb.	44	60
Fat or Lard	猪尾	lb.	25	21
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊尾	per set	90	60
Heart	羊尾	each	12	8
Kidneys	羊尾	each	15	10
Liver	羊尾	each	45	25
Sucking Pig, to order	猪尾	lb.	35	25
Best, Beef	猪尾	lb.	55	26
Mutton	猪尾	lb.	45	20
Veal	猪尾	lb.	28	—
Sauages	猪尾	lb.	38	—
Fish.				
Barbel	魚	lb.	35	16
Bream	魚	lb.	30	20
Canton Fresh Water	魚	lb.	32	—
Carp	魚	lb.	34	13
Catfish	魚	lb.	30	12
Codfish	魚	lb.	58	16
Crabs	魚	lb.	20	23
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	26	16
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Gulquon	魚	lb.	29	40
Herrings	魚	lb.	26	22
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Labrus	魚	lb.	85	18
Loach	魚	lb.	84	22
Lochters	魚	lb.	58	62
Mackerel	魚	lb.	44	32
Monk Fish	魚	lb.	48	20
Mullet	魚	lb.	88	13
Oysters	魚	lb.	45	12
Parrot Fish	魚	lb.	24	14
Perch	魚	lb.	24	30
Pike	魚	lb.	42	16
Plaice	魚	lb.	50	38
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	60	33
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	46	36
Cravens	魚	lb.	84	10
Ray	魚	lb.	24	14
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	26	13
Roach	魚	lb.	38	22
Salmon	魚	lb.	54	80
Shark	魚	lb.	20	8
Skate	魚	lb.	20	10
Shrimps	魚	lb.	64	33
Snapper	魚	lb.	44	33
Soles	魚	lb.	48	22
Tench	魚	lb.	40	20
Turbot	魚	lb.	38	12
Turtles, small fr. water	魚	lb.	1.50	12

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Capon, Small	雞	lb.	62	30
Capon, Large	雞	lb.	64	30
Duck	鴨	lb.	45	23
Doves	鳩	each	—	22
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	38	18
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	lb.	40	25
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	72	38
Fowls, Hainan	雞	lb.	58	35
Geese	鴨	lb.	48	24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	50	80
Hollow	鴿	each	45	20
Turkeys, Cook	火雞	lb.	80	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	lb.	75	61
Snipe	鴉	each	30	—
Pheasant	雉	pair	2.50	—
Quail	鶉	each	50	—
Partridge	鶉	each	1.20	—

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Carambols	楊桃	lb.	—	12
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	24	25
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	12	8
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	lb.	28	—
Oranges	橙	lb.	22	16
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	lb.	30	—
Peanuts	花生	lb.	14	10
Persimmons, Large	大柿	lb.	—	12
Plantain	大蕉	lb.	—	8
Pumelo, Stam	蓮花柚	each	16	12
Walnuts	核桃	lb.	30	16
Grapes	番提子	lb.	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	菊	老	竹	each	18	—	2
Beans, Sprout	豆	芽	菜	lb.	6	—	7
" Long	豆	芽	菜	lb.	—	—	8
Beet Root	紅	菜	頭	"	12	—	—
Bitter Squash	紅	苦	瓜	"	8	24	—
Brijals, Green	青	瓜	瓜	"	8	5	8
" Red	紅	瓜	瓜	"	6	5	8
Cabbages, Chinese	紅	菜	菜	"	10	—	—
" (Shanghai)	紅	菜	菜	"	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	大	中	菜	"	4	—	—
Caniflowers (Large)	大	中	菜	each	—	—	—
" (Medium)	中	中	菜	"	—	—	—
" (Small)	小	中	菜	"	—	—	—
Carrots	金	筍	菜	lb.	6	5	—
Celery, Chinese	金	菜	菜	"	12	10	—
Chilies, Dried	辣	菜	菜	"	28	25	—
" Red	辣	菜	菜	"	60	10	1
" Green	辣	菜	菜	"	80	8	1
Curry Stuff, English	辣	菜	菜	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青	瓜	瓜	"	—	2	—
Garlic	蒜	子	頭	"	6	6	—
Ginger, Young	子	老	薑	"	10	7	—
" Old	子	老	薑	"	8	20	—
Hopsradish, Shanghai	大	中	菜	"	60	8	—
Indian Corn	粟	米	菜	each	8	45	—
Lettuce	生	菜	菜	lb.	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	生	菜	菜	"	12	—	—
" Mandarin	生	菜	菜	"	14	—	—
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮	菜	菜	"	—	—	—
Okroes	鮮	菜	菜	"	—	1	—
Onions, Bombay	洋	菜	菜	"	10	8	—
" Green	洋	菜	菜	"	6	4	—
" Shanghai	上海	菜	菜	"	8	6	—
Paraley	芹	菜	菜	"	35	60	—
Potato, Sweet	番	菜	菜	"	5	8	—
" Japanese	日	菜	菜	"	—	8	—
" American	美	菜	菜	"	8	3	—
Pumpkin	多	菜	菜	"	5	4	—
Radish	紅	菜	菜	"	—	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大	菜	菜	"	80	—	1
Shallots	大	菜	菜	"	8	—	—
Spinach	大	菜	菜	"	6	8	—
Tomatoes	番	菜	菜	"	12	4	—
Taro	芋	菜	菜	"	6	7	—
Turnips, Punk (Long)	芋	菜	菜	"	6	0	—
Vegetable Marrow	毛	菜	菜	"	—	4	—
Water Cress	水	菜	菜	"	15	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮	菜	菜	"	8	15	—

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"FIRE SUDS" PLANT DESCRIBED.

A MERRYWEATHER INNOVATION.

The following description of the plant and an account of successful demonstrations appeared in a recent issue of *The Fireman*—

"It is an established fact that the most successful method for dealing with fires in oil and petrol installations is by flooding the surface of the burning liquid with a semi-fluid material containing an inert gas which smothers the flames by preventing the access of oxygen.

"The semi-fluid material known as 'Fire Suds' is obtained by mixing two solutions which increase in bulk to approximately their original volume, flow readily over the burning surface and form a foam of a lasting nature.

Novel Plant.

"Merryweathers' have for several years past been supplying 'Fire Suds' fire extinguishing apparatus to large oil storage depots throughout the world, and have just produced an entirely novel form of 'Fire Suds' plant, the first of which has been shipped to Hong Kong. Capable of delivering 200 gallons of solution per minute, the apparatus consists of two rectangular tanks having proportional capacities of two to one, the larger tank being of galvanised steel for the soda solution, and the smaller of lead-lined steel plate for the alum solution.

"Water is supplied to each tank from a pressure supply and kept at a predetermined level by means of float operated valves, supplied through automatic pressure regulating valves, allowing for any possible variation in pressure from the source of supply.

"Over each tank is a cylindrical hopper into which the dry powder ingredients of 'Fire Suds' are inserted, and which are delivered at a predetermined rate on to the surface of the liquid below, into which they are thoroughly mixed by agitators revolving on a vertical shaft which also operates the measuring device.

"Hatfield" Pump.

"The supply from each tank is taken to a Merryweather 'Hatfield' pump having three single acting barrels, two of which are utilised for the soda solution and one for the alum solution, and from thence distributed through twin lines of piping to the point of efflux.

"The 'Hatfield' pump is driven by a four cylinder petrol motor through a silent chain speed-reducing gear, the same motor being used for operating the mixing and agitating mechanism in the two tanks.

"The apparatus is entirely automatic in its action; all that is necessary is to feed the hoppers with dry powder ingredients, a continuous supply of 'Fire Suds' being obtained at the rate of approximately 1,000 gallons per minute.

"Should any variation in the water supply to the tanks take place, automatic control of the engine throttle is obtained and the delivery supply to the tanks adjusted accordingly.

Successful Demonstrations.
"A demonstration of this apparatus was carried out at Messrs. Merryweather and Sons' Greenwich works on February 17, in the presence of a number of prominent fire brigade officers and representatives of the leading oil companies, and of the Board of Trade and Lloyd's Register.

"The first test demonstrated the apparatus in use for fires in oil storage tanks.

"At a given signal the pressure water supply was opened up, the pump started, and the apparatus run at full capacity for five minutes, during which time powders were fed into the powder hoppers. The foam was delivered over a wooden barrier at a short distance from the apparatus, and those present were able to observe the quality and quantity.

"The second test demonstrated the utility of the apparatus for refineries and similar plants.

"The foam 'header' was removed, and a short length of canvas hose substituted. A jet of foam 1½ in. diameter was then thrown vertically through an ordinary branch pipe for one minute, illustrating the results to be obtained from foam hydrants served with this apparatus.

"The third demonstration showed the utility of the plant when required for ordinary fire risks.

"The apparatus was run on plain water—no powders being used—and a powerful ¾ in. diameter fire jet thrown.

"The final test amply demonstrated the adaptability of the plant to suit the water supply which may be available.

"The supply was reduced below the full pumping capacity, and the engine was automatically throttled down, illustrating that the apparatus can adapt its rate of pumping and the supply of powders to suit a reduction in the water supply if this should occur when delivering foam. The water supply was then increased to normal, and the engine then automatically opened up again to full output.

"These tests amply demonstrated the tenacious nature of 'Fire Suds', which will effectively smother flames on the surface of burning oils or other liquids, and that such a blanket of foam can be pumped over a burning surface in any relatively inaccessible place where the installation of any permanent fire apparatus would be out of the question. It was further demonstrated that 'Fire Suds' foam is not broken up by the impact of falling from a considerable height.

"Another similar, but smaller plant, having a capacity of 100 gallons per minute, is also on its way to the Colony together with the larger apparatus."

It was stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the present strength of the Regular Army in the United Kingdom is 7,506 Officers and 99,381 other ranks. The Territorial Army's strength is 6,899 Officers and 124,880 other ranks.—British Wireless Service.

RETRENCHMENT COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

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whilst realising that a certain amount of defrauding of the railway by persons travelling without tickets is inevitable, are quite satisfied that more could be done to check the practice. The Traffic Assistant should supervise the work of the Traffic Inspectors and Collectors, by himself inspecting on the trains several times a week. The subordinate staff knowing this would be more active than they are at present. The more rigorous prosecution of offenders and strong disciplinary measure against the railway staff would also tend to discourage this form of malpractice.

4.—The Kowloon-Canton Railway is the one Government department which appears to keep its accounts in a proper manner. The Commissioners would, however, urge that the land used by the Railway should be revalued and a record kept, in case at any future time the British section is amalgamated with the Chinese section.

Government's Comment.

The recommendation in the second paragraph will receive sympathetic consideration of Government when the present Manager of the Railway retires. Similarly the question of promoting a Chinese (rather than appointing a Portuguese) to the post of Traffic Inspector will be considered on the retirement of the officer referred to by the Commissioners. The Traffic Assistant has important administrative duties to perform; to require him to inspect on the trains several times a week would result in the disorganisation of the traffic department. Surprise visits are found to be sufficiently efficacious. The revaluation of the railway lands, as recommended in the final paragraph, has been taken in hand.

FRENCH DISARMAMENT PLAN.

M. Tardieu also starred at the Disarmament Conference. In a stirring speech he reiterated that France's plan of an international force for the service of the League of Nations emphasised the interdependence of the French proposals for the suppression of aggressive aims. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI SHARES.

Market Steadier With More Enquiry.

The following cabled quotations of Shanghai shares have to-day been received:—

	Tls.
Ewo Cottons	14.90
Shanghai Lands	23.80
Shanghai Electrics 'Bearer'	30.25

Copies of the music of her two favourite songs and a copy of her favourite book Ouida's 'Wanda' were buried with the body of Mrs. Ellen Miles at Rookwood, Sydney.

The late Mrs. Miles had been a soprano singer of some note, and before her death had expressed a wish that these articles should be placed in her coffin.

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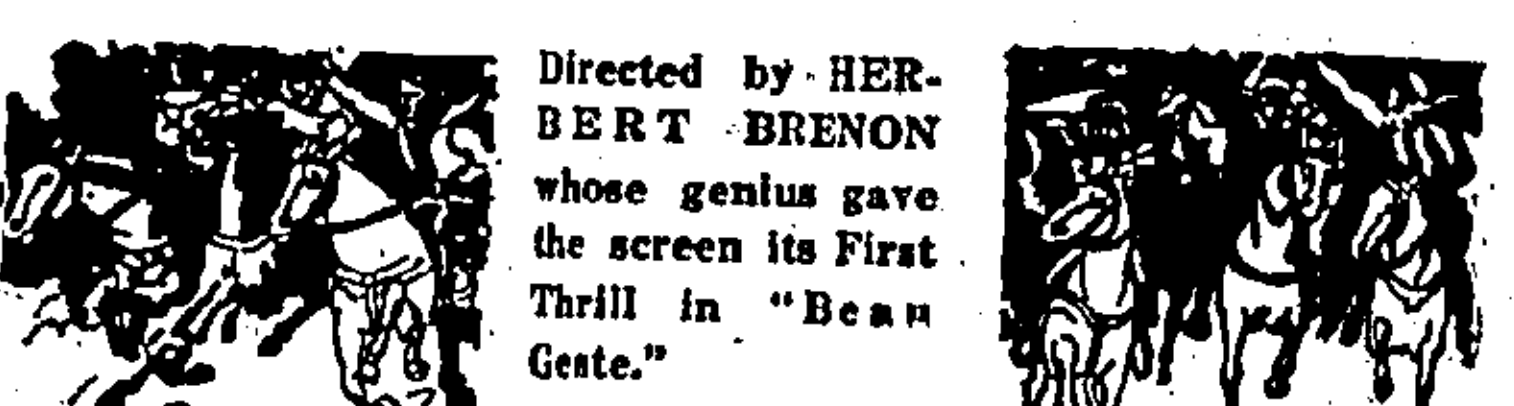
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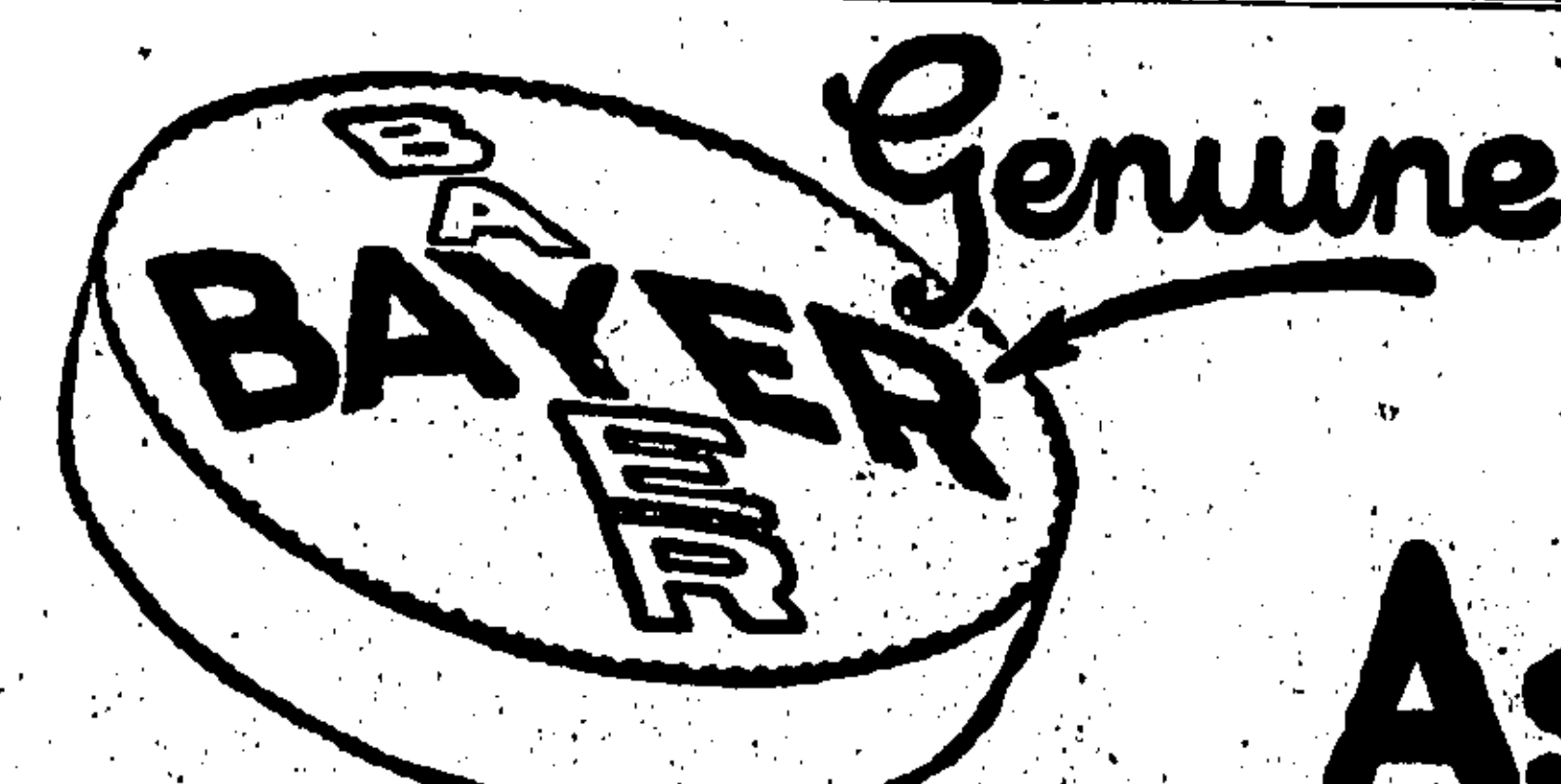
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